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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plan 2000: Getting the Message Out

by Ted Hunt

It was dark, cold and early on December 16th when we fired up the outdoor kitchen on the upper parking lot at Rampart Division. The League provided all Rampart officers on all watches breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was our way of saying to Rampart officers and officers all over the City that we are together in this. We are going to get through this very trying and difficult time.

At the League, we are often asked to give an interview for the news. Unfortunately, by the time it is aired, the 15 minutes of interview is just a three second sound bite. The news media doesn't want to hear what we have to say. I know that because what we say almost never gets on the air.

Our message is clear and consistent. The officers at LAPD are the best. Rampart has a tradition of being a great division. The officers at Rampart have nothing of which to be ashamed. They come from and they maintain a proud tradition of service to the public.

The media doesn't want to hear that LAPD officers are honest and ethical. Everyone I know believes that if someone tries to bribe you or me, we'll arrest that person in a second. Everyone I know believes that if we see an officer try to steal, take a bribe or use dope we'll turn that person in ourselves. I don't know any LAPD officer who feels differently and quite frankly, don't want to know anyone who does feel differently. The greatest fear of a dishonest "cop" should be an honest "cop." We are the ones who uncovered this scandal and let no one forget that. But the media doesn't want to hear it.

They don't want to hear that it's LAPD officers who uncovered this incident in the first place and it's LAPD officers who are clean-

ing up the mess. It wasn't the news media, the attorneys or the so-called watch groups who discovered this, it was LAPD officers. But the media doesn't want to hear that.

the community turned out to show their support and gratitude when this scandal first broke.

As retired Chief Daryl Gates recently stated on Good Morning

America, every honest, decent officer has cloud over his/her head. LAPD officers have a vested interest in getting rid of the bad apples. We are the ones with the most at stake.

We need to protect our integrity and reputation. We have that opportunity every day. Each officer has at least 10 contacts a day with the people of Los Angeles. When those contacts are multiplied by the number of officers, that's tens of thousands of public contacts each day.

Actions speak louder than words. We can demonstrate the heights of our integrity and reputation by the professional way in which we conduct ourselves on and off duty.

Part of our Plan 2000 includes fighting back. We are going to get the message out and tell the other side of the story.



The banner expressing the outpouring of community support for Rampart Division officers.

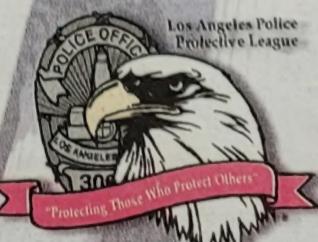
People understand that police officers do a nearly impossible task for an inadequate salary. Proof of the poor salary - police agencies all over the United States are having difficulty recruiting new officers including LAPD which is having a particularly hard time **recruiting and retaining** officers.

The people who live in Rampart Division used to be afraid to come out of their apartments just to walk to the neighborhood store or afraid to step out in front of their business to get a breath of fresh air or take a short stroll. Rampart officers have done such a good job at rooting out gang bangers and making the community safe that the people of Rampart love their officers. Proof of that community support graces the walls of Rampart station in the form of new plaques, a banner of support hanging on the front of the station and the way members of

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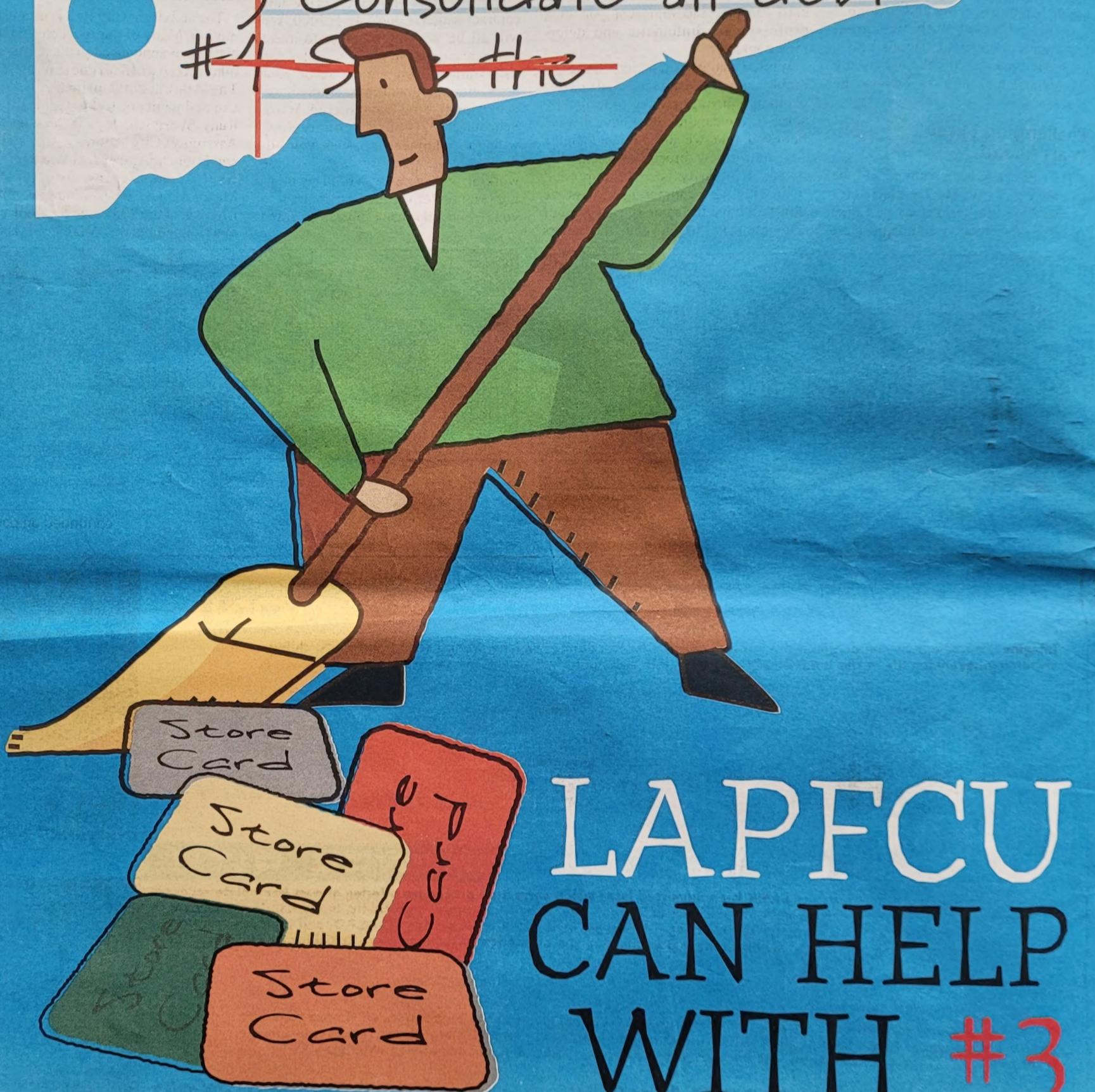


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I begin with a big Happy New Year to you and your family. We finally made it to the year 2000. After all the fear, concern and anxiety of Y2K, we all made it safely to January 1, 2000. May the new year and century bring you and yours the best health, happiness, fame and fortune. I have been blessed with two great sons, many wonderful friends and a productive career. I thank God for my success and blessings as I enter the new century.

Challenging Three Years Ahead

The votes have been counted and the results are in. I have been re-elected for another three-year term as your League Director. My election campaign gave

me an opportunity to visit every patrol, detective and special operations division of the Department and speak with many of you. I made realistic campaign promises during my campaign and promise to keep my word, as I have done in the past. I will continue to work hard for you and represent you in a professional, diplomatic and determined manner.

While I maintained a clean and honorable campaign, I am saddened that this campaign brought nasty tactics by some of the candidates. I have always believed that we are police officers first and union directors second. My personal integrity is more important than winning a campaign. I guess we don't all have the same sense of honor and integrity. In the end, the voters



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Recruit classes 5-99 & 6-99 showing a thumbs up for November Police Appreciation Day.

made their choices and your new Board of Directors is in place to carry out your mandate.

Our first order of business is the new contract which is due July 1, 2000. We will all be working together to make this happen. I have made sure that the City Hall officials are aware of your dedication, hard work and contract expectations. The Compressed Work Schedule, 3-12/4-10, is a priority along with the many other issues you addressed in the recent surveys. I will be working with our experienced negotiating team to deliver the best contract to you. I sincerely thank those who voted

for me. I will be working hard for you, as well as for those who did not vote.

City Hall Shuffle

The activity at City Hall is in constant motion. Many of our local elected officials have announced plans to move to other elective offices due to term limits. The March 2000 primary will see Councilmembers Jackie Goldberg and Rudy Svorinich, Jr., run for the State Assembly. City Attorney James Hahn and Councilmember Joel Wachs are actively campaigning for the 2001 Mayor's race. Councilmember Laura Chick is in the 2001 race for Controller and Councilmember Mike Feuer is run-



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STD Pedestrian Task Force officers hard at work in 77th Street Division.

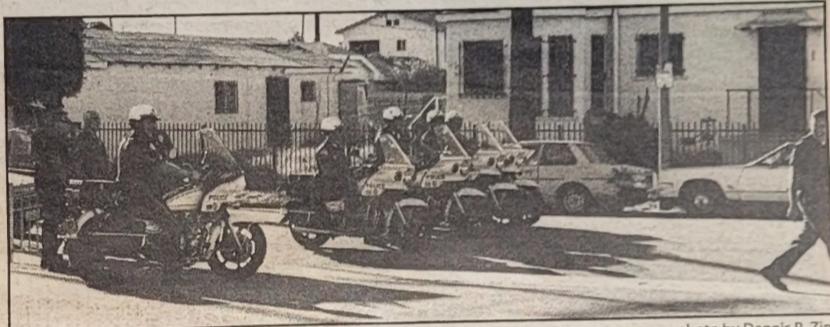


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Brady Decision

On November 2, 1999, the State Attorney General rendered an opinion regarding Brady interest. Brady is the court decision that allegedly deals with the duty of the prosecution to reveal exculpatory evidence to the defense. In the November 2, 1999, letter from the Attorney General to all district attorneys it states: "We believe that the current Pitchess procedures for access to a peace officer's personnel file, as set forth in Evidence Code Section 1043, et seq., are adequate to protect Brady interest. There is no need at this time to establish any expanded protocol for prosecutorial review of the personnel files of material-witness peace officers for exculpatory evidence." In other words, there is no need for any police department to setup a protocol for prosecutors to review such files.

However, based on the Brady decision, the Department has, in certain cases, voluntarily disclosed to prosecutors information about an officer deemed by the Department to be "Potential Impeachment Information." Additionally, the Department has proposed to disseminate a memorandum entitled, "Employee Conduct on Credibility as a Witness." The action of voluntarily releasing officers personnel information, and the memo contradict the legal opinion from our State Attorney General. The Los Angeles Police Protective League, through our General Counsel, has requested that the memo be rescinded and the action of voluntarily releasing officers' personnel information be stopped, based on the Attorney General's legal opinion.

We are preparing to file litigation if our request is not granted. Additionally, we are handling each officer's case individually. If any officer is aware that the Department has voluntarily, without a Pitchess motion, released his/her personnel information to prosecutors, and/or if such officer has been put on administrative duties based on the aforementioned memo, contact the League at (213) 251-4554, so that appropriate action can be initiated.

For a more extensive explanation, see Gary Ingemunson's article on page 8.

Workers' Compensation Issues

I received a letter from attorney Robert Sherwin of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin. I found it to be quite informative and have printed it for your information.

Approximately one year ago I met with an L.A. City Police Officer who had injured his ankle on the job and was treating with a reputable orthopedic

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SCALE Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement representing 19 police officer associations.

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

KEN HILLMAN

I want to thank the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) members who supported my run for the vacant office formerly filled by Lieutenant Dave Hepburn. Dave was certainly an outstanding League Director who was able to bridge the gap between management and the troops. He did this, while still garnering the support and admiration of his colleagues on the Board of Directors. I pledge to continue Dave's work and to make every effort to pull the entire Board together so that we will be an effective bargaining unit in the upcoming contract negotiations.

I also want to thank Lieutenants Randy Quan and Luther Lutz for running professional campaigns during this election. All three of us focused on our own individual strengths and attributes, without diminishing the qualities of the others. Unfortunately, some of the campaigning was less than professional. I hear more and more the saying "the end justifies the means." This saying may serve well in wartime, but it has no place among the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

I said all along in my campaigning that not only would my educational background in negotiations and conflict management assist me in this new Director position but, more importantly, my history as a winning coach in the Department's sports programs. I was inducted into the LAPD Hall of Fame for winning

more championships than any other coach in the history of the Department. I accomplished this by placing team members in the right positions, ensuring everyone understood their roles, sharing a common vision and providing each individual team member with a list of tasks or strategies to ensure their success within the team concept. If this sounds familiar to you, it should. These are the strategies employed by great organizations and the one being outlined by our LAPPL President Ted Hunt in his "Plan 2000."

To my knowledge, Ted is the first Board president to introduce a mission statement, goals and strategies for the LAPPL Board of Directors. I fully support his plan and will do everything in my power to ensure that we, the Board members, put aside petty differences that occurred during the elections, to work collectively for our members to accomplish the goals established for 2000, which include: a multiple-year contract, compressed work schedule, improved legal defense, settlement of the FLSA lawsuit and binding arbitration for our members.

I look forward to serving each one of you in the coming New Year and I will try to regularly visit roll calls to keep you informed of our effectiveness in meeting your needs and the goals established by the Board of Directors.

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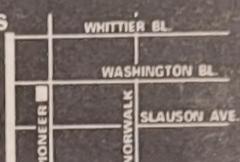
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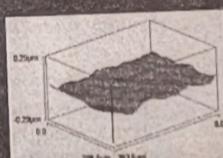
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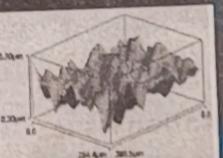
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CLIFF RUFF

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Previous to this law, when a pension member died, the surviving spouse got

nothing. Through a lot of hard work by Ken Buzzell of UFLAC, the Retired Fire and Police Association, and your Board of Directors, this important benefit was obtained. Special credit also goes to Jackie Goldberg and Mike Hernandez of the Los Angeles City Council for their efforts to make this happen.

Also in this law, domestic partners who have been registered with the Personnel Department for twelve months, and registered with the Department of Pensions, will be eligible for pension and surviving spouse benefits. A special note of thanks goes to City Attorney Donna Weiss-Jones for her diligence and efforts in drafting this ordinance in time for the new year. Checks will probably not be received until March or April of 2000.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



This month's column features an article of great interest by our former General Counsel, Mike Stone.

Federal Court Rules Cops' Right to Sue Unconstitutional"

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.

Ever been victimized by a citizen's false complaint? If you have, or if someday you might be, this one will interest you. It asks the question should cops be able to sue people who make false complaints against them for defamation and related wrongs? All of you would probably say yes. The ACLU says no, and just got a federal judge in Santa Ana to agree. The law permitting these police suits is, according to the ruling, unconstitutional.

To understand how we got here, we need to look for a moment where we've been. Back in the '80s, a state appellate court held that citizen complaints, even false ones, were immunized by *California Civil Code Section 47*, which among other things, protects persons who make statements in official proceedings from liability for defamation. Because citizen complaints are an integral process of a kind of official proceeding, most often the beginning of it, public policy requires that these "state-

ments" be immunized from suits by those harmed, rightly or wrongly, by the statements.

In response to the outcry from police groups and their supporters, the legislature passed *Civil Code Section 47.5*, an exception to the *Section 47* immunity, for an exceptionally vulnerable class of public employees: law enforcement.

Civil Code Section 47.5 carves out a statutory right for peace officers to sue persons who make false complaints about them. The burden of proof is made high, by the statute's requirements that the plaintiff-officer prove that the defendant knew or reasonably should have known the accusation was false, and that the defendant was motivated by spite, hatred, or ill-will. Even if the officer could meet that burden, the cases were tough, because usually real damages were difficult to prove. Most times, the officer didn't lose work time and had no medical expenses or treatment. While over the years we had some dramatic results, collecting a judgment in such a case was also problematic. Truth be told, most of the "slam-dunk" liability cases were nevertheless economically unsound to pursue. Well, we could always "threaten" to bring suit.

Recently, a Los Angeles area officer threatened to bring a *Section 47.5* suit against a person if he did not withdraw his "false complaint." It was just what the ACLU was waiting for. The civil rights bar has been a long and steady foe of these suits, because, these lawyers say the threat of a defamation suit impermissibly "chills" the right of citizens to complain against police misconduct, and that, they say, is unconstitutional and violative of the First Amendment. So, the ACLU sponsored the suit, the "citizen" sued the cop, in federal court, under civil rights laws (42 USC Section 1983) and won. The judge found that *Section 47.5* violates the First Amendment because it singles out one type of citizen complaint about public employee or official misconduct (police) for prosecution, when all other forms of official misconduct complaints are immunized by *Section 47*. The worst part is the "citizen" is the prevailing party in this civil rights suit, and so is entitled to recover his costs and attorney's fees from the officer who lost.

Now, a couple of points. This federal decision is not necessarily binding on a state court enforcing state law, but you can imagine the "chilling effect" it has on *Section 47.5* suits wherever they are brought. State judges would certainly take note of the ruling. And both would be *Section 47.5* plaintiff-officers and their counsel would be well-advised to proceed cautiously in the face of this holding, which we expect Judge Taylor to publish in the official reports.

This ruling will be appealed, so Judge Taylor's opinion of *Section 47.5* isn't the last word we'll hear on the subject. We will keep you advised of developments. Perhaps the statute will need to be rewritten to cure the problem, but

that will be after a lot of study of the final outcome.

If there are any questions or comments raised by this article, feel free to give us a call at (626) 683-5600.

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"The Untouchables"— No More?

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.

This evening I sat down with a legal newspaper, the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Wednesday, October 27, 1999. On page 6, I found an article entitled "The Thin Blue Lie—Current Police Scandals Recall a Decade-Old Saga of Complicity and Corruption."

Immediately I tensed and braced myself for another assault on the profession I have loved for 33 years. The article was written by Thomas A. Hagemann, now a white-collar criminal defense attorney in Houston. It turns out that his connections to "L.A. Police Scandals" dates back a decade, when he was the Assistant United States Attorney placed in charge of, at least then, the most notorious police scandal of the times—"Majors II." Majors II involved the corruption of a team of narcotic detective veterans, and their sergeants, in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. The case unfolded during investigation by a combined team of

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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

-John Donne

You survey your new domain. A six foot by six foot room crowded with radios, shotguns and car keys. The neat row of vertical metal shotgun barrels remind you of the bars of a prison. This room may be where you spend the remainder of your career. You try to think how you could end up like this. Six months ago, you were a hard charging patrol officer boxed in only by your division's boundaries. You patrolled your area zealously looking for any sign of criminals looking to prey on "your people." You took your job seriously and the citizens in your area had responded favorably to your efforts.

Then one night you and your partner pulled over a suspicious vehicle that matched the description given during the broadcast of a purse snatch that had just occurred. There were four suspects in the vehicle so you and your partner had your hands full. They were gang members and proud of it. You had another unit bring the purse snatch victim by your location for a show up, but she was unsure. You wrote field interview cards and kicked them loose because there was insufficient evidence that they had committed the crime.

Less than an hour later, you were summoned to the station to see the watch commander. "We just received a complaint that your partner unnecessarily pushed a suspect and called him a name," the watch commander tells you. "Get a rep. We will be doing interviews in a couple of days."

"It didn't happen," you tell the watch commander.

"We get a complaint, you get an investigation. Those are the rules," the watch commander replies dryly.

There were six witnesses. Four gang members and you and your partner. Everyone is interviewed. Three months later, you get a Skelly package containing the details of the investigation and your captain's recommendation to the Chief of Police. Your captain found your partner guilty of unnecessarily shoving one of the gang members and calling him a name. He is charged with that and you are charged with "false and/or misleading statements" in that you denied that you saw that it had occurred. The Administrative Insight section of your complaint was filled with words like "lack of integrity", "violated trust" and "code of silence." The recommendation was a Board of Rights.

Three months later, you were sitting in front of the Board of Rights. Again,

there were six witnesses. The four gang members testified they all saw your partner push and call a name. You and your partner testified that it didn't happen. Your defense rep presented evidence of the long rap sheets of the gang members and tripped them up a few times on their story. But apparently not enough times. After a short deliberation, the Board delivered its verdict. By a preponderance of the evidence, they find you and your partner guilty. Your rep has told you that a preponderance of the evidence means that there is a fifty percent chance that you are guilty plus the weight of a feather.

The Board's rationale is simple. The four gang member's story was similar and why would they go to all this trouble to report these allegations if they were not true. "BECAUSE THEY ARE CRIMINALS!", you want to shout, but you remain silent. Your representative has told you to maintain your decorum.

You put on several witnesses to testify to your character and worth during the penalty phase including the block captains of your area. Their testimony is glowing, but insufficient. Your partner is terminated and you are given forty-four days off. "Lack of integrity", "violated trust" and "code of silence" are again scattered throughout the rationale as read into the record by the Board chairman.

You are devastated, but resolve to tape record all stops from now on. What you didn't know was that there would not be any more stops. Two weeks after the Board, you are served with a "Brady letter."

You read the words with a sinking heart. *"As Chief of Police, I am assigning you to a non-field related assignment. Your assignment to a non-field related capacity is necessary in order to ensure you are not placed in a position wherein you will be required to effectuate arrests, prepare arrest reports or submit testimony in a court of law. The possibility exists that any testimony you may provide would require the prosecutor to disclose that you knowingly gave false and misleading statements thereby bringing into question your veracity and ability to testify truthfully under oath. This could significantly damage or make it impossible to achieve a successful criminal prosecution."*

The job you love, being a police officer and standing between criminals and their victims, was over. The kit room is your domain from now on. The only

things you will be standing between now is radios and shotguns.

The Brady Issue

The so called Brady issues arise from a U.S. Supreme Court Case in 1963, *Brady vs. Maryland*. In a murder prosecution of two robbers, one of which strangled the victim, the prosecution withheld a confession from Brady that his partner had confessed to being the actual strangler. Whether Brady was guilty of murder was not the issue, it was whether or not he was going to be executed. His partner's confession might have influenced the jury to spare his life, or so the court found. The withholding of the confession by the prosecution was declared to violate Brady's right to due process. Prosecutors, the court said, had a duty to reveal exculpatory evidence to the defense.

This principal was reaffirmed in a 1998 California Supreme Court decision in *In re Brown*. In 1980, Brown shot and killed a Garden Grove police officer, wounded two other police officers and wounded two civilians. He was convicted and sentenced to death. Eighteen years later, the Supreme Court decided that he had been deprived of due process because a lab test had determined that he had traces of PCP in his system and this test result had not been given to the defense. In fact, the prosecutor was not aware of this test because an initial screening test had been negative and that result had been distributed to everyone. The other test results had not. The court decided that Brown's diminished capacity defense had been compromised. The fact that the prosecutor was not at fault was irrelevant. He should have checked the lab file. The rule, the court said, is that the prosecutor has a duty to produce information favorable to the accused criminal defendant in any location to which the prosecutor has ready access.

Somewhat this line of cases is being interpreted by LAPD management as requiring the Department to disclose any allegation reflecting on credibility to the prosecutor so he or she can turn it over to the defense attorney in a criminal case. The flaw in this reasoning is that the criminal defense attorney has more access to your personnel records than the prosecutor. Personnel files are confidential. The prosecutor only has a right to review them if he is investigating an officer or its agency. The defense attorney, however, can obtain relevant information from an officer's package by filing a Pitchess Motion. A judge reviews the officer's package in camera and, after eliminating any complaints over five years old, decides if anything is relevant that should be released to the criminal defendant. The criminal defendant, therefore, already has the right to get exculpatory information from your package and has had this right since 1974 when the Pitchess case was decided. In 1978, the procedure to review an officer's package by criminal defense attorneys was codified in section 1043 of the Evidence Code.

So why, all of a sudden, is management jumping off this particular cliff? Misinformation? Bad advice? Power crazy? Does it make it easy to elevate a discourteous comment to a termination case for those deemed undesirable? Is there even a reason? Maybe it was just one of those things that took on a life of its own. However it arose, it got the attention of the head prosecutor of the State of California. On November 2, 1999, Bill Lockyer, the Attorney General of California issued a letter to all district attorneys telling them that prosecutors have no duty to search the personnel files of material witness police officers. He stated the obvious. The prosecutor does not have ready access to these files and the defense attorneys can file a Pitchess Motion to get the information any time the defense thinks it might be relevant.

The League would take this a step farther. If anyone does release confidential personnel information the prosecutor is not entitled to under 832.7 of the Penal Code, they are opening themselves to a lawsuit.

The point here is that the Department is choosing to send out Brady letters and terminate officers under the reasoning that once convicted of any kind of credibility issue an officer can no longer function in the criminal justice system. It is being presented to officers as something the Department is required to do. This is false. Hmmm. False and/or Misleading, come to think of it. Anyway, between 1978 and today, nothing much has changed regarding the requirements for disclosure of personnel complaint information.

As a practical matter, a Pitchess Motion only means that relevant evidence will be given to the defense, not that charges against the defendant will be dropped. First of all, anything over five years old is excluded. Second, even if there is a conviction of some allegation regarding false statements in the last five years, the defense attorney has to present that evidence to the jury, if the judge decides to release it. The judge and jury get to decide if it is relevant, not LAPD management. The officer is then cross examined with the information in front of the jury. The officer may testify that he made a mistake and learned his lesson. The officer may testify that he was wrongly convicted. The prosecutor might point out that the officer was found guilty on such a low standard of proof (preponderance of evidence) that a conviction has little meaning. The possibilities are endless. For management to destroy careers and deprive citizens of the services of competent officers based on the perceived Brady rationale is insane.

I was talking to a young officer with less than five years on the job last week. This officer had been involved in a high stress situation and had demonstrated that he had the courage and presence of mind sought after by police departments nationwide. He told me that a significant part of his Academy class was already gone, mostly to other departments. He rattled off an additional five names of officers that had left just his division in the last few months for other departments. He himself was considering leaving. The major factor was the disciplinary system. Couple this with the fact that only 23 recruits graduated in the last Academy class and it is obvious that we have a problem.

LAPD officers are a bargain for other agencies. The officers go through a fine academy and then in two years of work on the mean streets of Los Angeles pick up more practical experience in police work than officers with ten years of experience do in smaller departments. The robust economy makes it a seller's market for those who are qualified. Other departments are not hiring our problem children, they are taking the cream of the crop. LAPD management seems to be in the "purge" mode in their reaction to the Perez scandal. The problem with a purge is that the good is thrown out with the bad. And with plenty of opportunities out there, the good do not have to wait for the potential axe. They can leave. LAPD may be a quasi-military organization rather than a democracy, but officers can still vote with their feet.

All of this should make the Department and the City Council hear warning bells. If some sanity doesn't return to the way LAPD treats its employees, we no longer will be known as the number one police department in the nation. We will, however, be number one in well staffed kit rooms.

Be legally careful out there.

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of ways, including work restrictions (i.e., no prolonged running, jumping, etc.); subjective complaints (i.e., intermittent slight ankle pain increasing to moderate with running, jumping, etc.); or strictly objective factors such as motion loss, leg atrophy, or the required use of an orthopedic brace (i.e., elastic knee brace for instability.) Any of the above would entitle the officer to some final permanent disability compensation even though he/she may still be working in their usual assignment. If however, the officer does not have any physical restrictions, subjective complaints, or objective factors, and thus, no permanent residuals from the injury, then no "final" compensation is owed. If an officer is entitled to some permanent disability compensation, there are two ways it may be paid. The first is by way of a settlement wherein the officer, his attorney, and the city enter into an agreement as to the amount of compensation with a provision for future medical care. The compensation is paid on a weekly basis for a set number of weeks until the award is paid in full. This is known as a Stipulation with Request for Award. If the officer is no longer working for the city, then often the employer will suggest a settlement known as a Compromise and Release wherein the officer releases the city from all liability including future medical care. In exchange, the officer receives the compensation in a lump sum and is paid additional compensation

for the release of medical care. Which method of settlement the officer chooses depends on the facts of each case and whether the officer is still an employee of the city. If the officer is retired, the city may want to "push" for a compromise and release agreement as this relieves the city from future medical liability.

How much financial consideration is given for such a release differs with each case. If the officer is still an employee or simply wishes to retain medical care through workers' compensation, then refusing to compromise and release the case is appropriate and a Stipulation with Request for Award would be the best mode of settlement.

Finally, if a settlement cannot be reached between the officer and the city as to the level of permanent disability, then the parties will proceed to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board where an administrative hearing before a judge is held and a final determination on the issues is rendered. Other issues that factor into what settlement is appropriate is whether the officer has retired on a disability retirement which allows for a complete offset of workers' compensation benefits against pension payments.

What remains constant through all of the above is that each case is different and what some other police officer may or may not have received does not dictate what you may be entitled to for your injury. When in doubt, consult with an attorney.

Take Care and Be Safe

Zine

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ning for City Attorney. As the 2001 City elections come closer, we will see others enter the campaign for the local offices. I will keep our Political Action Committee informed and updated as events occur.

National League of Cities Holds December Convention in Los Angeles

Thousands of politicians from across the country gathered in Los Angeles to attend the National League of Cities Convention at the Convention Center. Your League hosted a booth which featured



Councilman Nick Pacheco.

Hollywood celebrity look-alikes Marilyn Monroe and Clint Eastwood posing for photos with the political leaders. The booth was very popular and visited by many local councilmembers including Councilman Nick Pacheco. The booth demonstrated the League's ability to generate a positive and cooperative relationship with the City prior to contract negotiations.

The next major political convention in the City will be the August 2000 Democratic National Convention. Your League is currently preparing for public relations and promotional activities at the D.N.C.

Media and the Police

Your Board of Directors has been defending you and your profession with the media during these trying times of internal investigations and public criticism. We have made appearances on the Larry Elder radio and television show, KRLA radio, KFWB radio, KNX radio, Los Angeles Times, Daily News and L.A. Business

led, and those with whom he had shared, perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars of dirty money.

About halfway through the article, Hagemann begins to describe, based on his interviews with Sobel, the process of police corruption:

To hear Sobel (and the other deputies who cooperated later) tell it, something akin to corruption starts the minute a fresh-faced cadet hits the mean streets, as the clarity of the police academy and the training manual fades in the distance. An arrestee gives you some lip; you ratchet the cuffs down a little tighter. That doesn't help. The next time, always remembering the time before, you toss the arrestee against the car with a little more gusto. Little things, little steps, little decisions made each day. Lines get blurred.

As the months passed and I spent many days listening to Sobel, I realized how much of the story of police corruption revolved around drugs. The temptation to skim came from the constant contact with outlandish sums of untraceable drug proceeds. The temptation to take "extraordinary measures" to put away dope dealers came, in part, from the intensity of the rhetoric about the "war on drugs." Narco-wars require narco-warriors.

The article then focused on the author's question: "What is to be done?" After reeling through the obvious answers, better screening of applicants, better and more training, zealous supervision, and prosecution of corruption, Hagemann concludes: "Nothing can be done."

He writes that there are three reasons for this "dead-end." The first is that police must necessarily have extraordinary power, if they are to do so what society asks of them—and, power corrupts. Second, a code of silence exists—but it begins because cops go where no one else goes; they see what no one else sees; they do what no one else does. Those who do not go, see and encounter what cops do, would not un-

derstand—so they are not told. Hence, the "code" is an inevitable part of police work. A "conspiracy of silence" begins, but there is nothing evil, nor corrupt about it, at least in the beginning. Finally, Mr. Hagemann notes, "If you ask enough people—good, bad, or indifferent people—to go into a room with a bag of apparently untraceable cash, someone will unzip the bag and take a bundle. If you ask enough people to risk their lives in a high speed chase, sooner or later, someone is going to beat the living hell out of a suspect. That is no excuse; that is, however, a fact."

Mr. Hagemann leaves us there. As if we accept his conclusion about the inevitability of police corruption, then we

both of these Directors for their contributions to the League.

Gary Fullerton led the contract negotiating teams and was our dedicated legal chairman. Gary also coordinated our Family Support Group Annual Golf Tournament, and chaired our Insurance Committee.

Gary Morgan was a dedicated hard-working Director who can be proud of his contributions to the League. I wish both of these men happiness and success in the future.

Welcome Aboard

Bob Baker, Mitzi Grasso, Ken Hillman and Don Lint, have all been elected to the Board of Directors. I congratulate them on their successful elections and welcome them to the Board of Directors.

Dates to Remember

January 17, 2000, is Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. May his dream of peace and unity live on.

have never been, nor will we ever be, untouchable. But somehow, if we can come to understand the process within the profession; if we can recognize the ways in which we begin to slowly, even imperceptibly, move the line, whether by "extraordinary measures" to deal with crooks and gangs, or using just a little more force than the situation requires, or forgetting our commitment just once in a while—all for the "right" reasons, of course, we may yet remain, untouchable.

If there are any questions or comments raised by this article, feel free to give us a call at (626) 683-5600.

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

Governor Davis and the Parole Issue

The Sacramento Bee newspaper recently published an editorial critical of the parole board.

The Bee said in part that "Gov. Pete Wilson was extreme when it came to parole... [but] Gov. Gray Davis has shown himself even more extreme and unjust." they quoted the L.A. Times which reported that of 1,489 hearings held since Davis took office, the [parole] board granted parole only 13 times... and the Governor revoked eight of those pa-

roles outright and returned five others to the board for reconsideration."

The League joins with the California Police Chiefs Association in saying, "Governor Davis understands that parole is not an entitlement, it is the premature release of a convicted murderer. It should be an isolated exception. No matter how long a convicted murderer serves before his parole, we must never forget that the victim remains dead for a longer period of time."



L.A. Police Revolver & Athletic Club Board of Directors host reception for Councilman Alex Padilla and Nick Pacheco.

City Managers Affiliate with AFL-CIO

The Los Angeles Professional Managers Association (LAPMA) has voted to affiliate their union with SEIU 347 of the AFL-CIO. LAPMA represents 400 employees of the City of Los Angeles in the management unit which includes Assistant General Managers and Division heads. SEIU Local 347 is the largest civilian union representing LA City workers.

Charley Mims, President of LAPMA announced "This is an important move, giving us new strength during these changing times at City Hall. The implementation of the new Charter and the expected turnover in the City Council due to term limits pose a special challenge to our members. The strategic alliance with Local 347 gives us the strength in numbers we need to be effective in representing our members."



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Det. Bill Seeley, Det. Diane Webb, Det. Robert Bogison, Officer Katie Burns and Lt. Paul Wright receive special awards for their outstanding performance from Councilman Hal Bernson, Councilwoman Cindy Misickowski, Senator Kathy Wright, Assemblyman Tom McClintock, and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.



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West Valley Det. Bill Seeley with wife and daughter at Police Recognition Luncheon.



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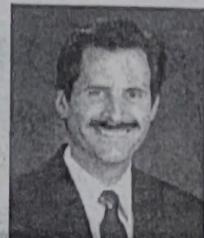
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Nate Holden, Councilmember, Council District 10

Councilman Nate Holden won his bid for the Los Angeles City Council seat, 10th District, on June 2, 1987. From 1974 to 1978, he served in the California State Senate representing the 30th Senate District. Prior to and after serving in the State Senate, he was Assistant Chief Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor, Kenneth Hahn. He has over 20 years in the public sector.

Councilman Holden is a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Military Police Corps toward the end of World War II. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from West Coast University, Los Angeles. Holden spent 17 years in the Aerospace industry before entering the political arena.

During Holden's term as State Senator, he served as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Elections and Reapportionment; Chairman of the Select Committees on Rapid Transit for Southern California, and Chairman of Genetic Diseases; Vice Chairman of the Public Utilities, Transit and Energy Committee; and he served as a member of the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, the Health and Welfare Committee, the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, and the Local Government Committee.

As State Senator, Holden was well known as a champion of consumer rights, health care for the needy, Senior Citizen services, full employment programs, and quality education.

Holden supported the "Use a Gun, Go to Jail" law, as well as measures which dealt with mandatory jail sen-

tences for anyone convicted of a crime against a senior citizen.

Since his election to the L.A. City Council, numerous street improvements have been made in District Ten as a result of Holden's relentless requests to city officials. He has been active in the development of the Adams West Town Center and the renovations of the Mid Town Shopping Center.

country. He also used his own funds to buy back over 130 AK 47s, Uzis, and other weapons turned in "no questions asked."

Another successful program championed by Holden was the police foot patrol task force, which on a three month pilot basis, provided high police visibility in 18 "hot spots" across the City, including various areas in the 10th District. The foot patrol program was

man has run marathons to fund the foundation and he raised more than \$100,000 after running and completing the Los Angeles Marathon twice and the New York Marathon once. His foundation awards grants to children's sports teams and organizations to finance their activities.

Holden has been especially disturbed by two blight-producing problems in the City: widespread graffiti and the parking of automobiles on lawns and in yards. In response to Councilman Holden's motion, the City enacted a law limiting public access to aerosol cans of spray paint and wide felt tip markers—the tools of graffiti artists. They must be locked up in the stores, preventing easy access. Also, upon Holden's urging, the appropriate City officials have been ordered to enforce the Municipal Code ordinance banning the parking of motor vehicles on front lawns and in yards.

In an effort to offset the rise in Rolex watch thefts in the City and to reduce the number of deaths and injuries which theft victims suffer, Councilman Holden introduced a motion for a Rolex registration procedure so that stolen watches can be tracked by police, pawnshops and other resale businesses.

At the beginning of his tenure, Councilman Holden established the Tenth District Advisory Committee, which consists of several citizen subcommittees that deal with the daily concerns facing his district. Holden states: "It is vitally important that those of us in government remember that we are here to serve the public, to listen to their concerns and to do all we can to respond in positive and meaningful ways to those concerns. We do our job if we carry out those tasks."



Councilman Nate Holden and Director Dennis P. Zine.

Holden also saw that post-earthquake damage was handled in an expeditious and efficient manner in the response for debris cleanup, quick attention to building and home safety inspections, and a safe and speedy resolve to the heavily damaged Santa Monica Freeway.

Councilman Holden fought to ban the sale and possession of semi-automatic weapons, which resulted in the enactment of gun restriction laws in California and in other states across the

so effective that it was responsible for an 11 percent decrease in violent and repressible crimes in the targeted areas. The program ended because of the City's budget crunch, but Councilman Holden returned his \$12,960 salary increase for the 1990-91 fiscal year to the City so police foot patrols could be reactivated in District Ten.

Councilman Holden established the 10th Councilmanic District Athletic Foundation to provide positive alternatives to Inner City youth. The Council-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less.
Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the League Directors and the Legal Committee for your decision to support my husband, Officer James P. Edwards, PII (#27768), after his Board of Rights this year. As you know, Jim was found not guilty on all counts against him but took a 30-day suspension because he "should have known" that a fellow officer was drinking alcohol with juvenile members of the Northeast Explorer Unit on an overnight outing.

Thank you for listening to his side of the story. Thank you for believing him. Thank you for using League fees to support a fellow officer. This has been an encouragement not only to our family but to other officers as well. Thank you too for the financial support to file a writ to fight the board's decision in court.

Tim Sands has been especially great throughout the entire ordeal. He referred Jim to Darryl Mounger and Jodi, his associate is a truly fabulous professional.

Blessings on all you do to help the troops!

Warmly,
Vicki Boss Edwards, MA

Dear Dennis:

Attached is the article that was forwarded to the *Times* taking issue with their coverage of shootings by League members. If you think it's appropriate, please feel free to use it in the *Blue Line*. I think it is a good message that Commanding Officers support the officers involved and that RHD obviously supports police officers. If you use it, you might note that the *Times* did not print it in its entirety, but only used an excerpt as a letter to the editor.

Jim Tatreau

Support for LAPD Officers

The *Los Angeles Times* appears determined at all costs to ensure their reporters got it right in their series re: "Mentally Ill Shot by Police." The *Times*' accounts in Sunday's and Tuesday's papers regarding the most recent use of deadly force by LAPD officers is proof.

On Saturday, November 20, 1999, at 4:27 am, Los Angeles Police Officers Karen Thiffault and Daniel Palma responded to a radio call reporting a "blood covered naked man." 911 operators received four calls about the incident, and in addition to uniformed patrol officers, the Fire Department responded with an engine company and paramedic unit. The City's resources were certainly prompt and ready to provide any assistance they could.

On arrival, the officers and firefighters discovered a male nude, his upper body covered with blood, shouting. The early stages of the Police Department's investigation revealed and the Department's press release stated, that Officer Karen Thiffault, a 12-year veteran, verbalized with the suspect in an attempt to calm him. However, the man charged directly toward Thiffault. Thiffault, who had not drawn her gun, ran from the charging man in order to maintain a safe distance, protect herself and in an attempt to utilize other than deadly force to resolve the situation. The suspect, while pursuing Thiffault, repeatedly reached for and on at least one occasion grabbed Thiffault's holstered service pistol. Thiffault turned and faced the advancing suspect, then drew her service pistol while continuing to back away. The suspect continued to advance and yell at Thiffault.

Thiffault, fearing the suspect would disarm her, then shoot her, her partner and possibly the firefighters, shot the suspect, wounding him. He later died at the hospital. All of this information was provided in the Department's press release.

It would appear that the *Times* reporters declined or were unable to contact and interview any witnesses to the shooting. That didn't prevent them from providing *Times* readers with some good old fashioned unfounded speculation in Sunday's edition capable of sowing the seeds of another *Times*-driven attack on police officers and their decisions when they relate to the use of deadly force.

No *L.A. Times* reporters responded to the scene of the shooting while the Department was conducting its preliminary investigation. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office has not conducted its examination and investigation. But these minor details are no problem for the *Times*. Their reporters interviewed and quoted Carla Jacobs, identified as a board member of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The *Times* reported that Ms. Jacobs questioned why non-lethal weapons, such as pepper spray or bean bags fired from a shotgun, were not used in the incident. The *Times* went on to quote Jacobs as stating, "Anyone naked and bloody in the middle of the night has some sort of mental disturbance going on." That means that such a person could not be a victim of or the suspect in a violent crime. Although it may be news to the *Times* and Jacobs, crime victims, particularly injured ones, do not always act rationally and it was well within the realm of possibility that this was an exceptionally distraught victim. It may also be news to the *Times* and Jacobs that crime suspects act in every manner imaginable after they commit crimes, so it was also well within the realm of possibility that this man had just committed a violent act. Jacobs continued and the *Times* wrote, "She speculated that perhaps the officer (Thiffault) got too close to the man when she was addressing him. But, she said, the officer acted correctly by trying to get away from him when he became upset." Jacobs and the *Times* went on, "You can't invade these people's space when they're delusional. It sounds like the situation got accelerated by not providing the managing space until other methods could be used to contain him."

On Tuesday, the *Times* article focused on the views of the deceased young man's family. Their views and grief are understandable. However, the *Times* reporters then find their so-called use of force expert and training consultant D.P. Van Blaricom, who provided the following quote, "If he's naked, you can tell he's unarmed. If you want to stop him, whack him with a baton, that's what the baton is for... They will go down immediately. I don't care if they're on PCP or not." Mr. Van Blaricom's assessment is laughable. Any trained police officer utilizing a police baton in the appropriate manner knows that a suspect will not go down immediately or at all, whether on PCP or not. Van Blaricom should be removed from the *Times* list of so-called experts. *Times* readers would be better served if they were made aware of his resume (or at least some of his qualifications) which was not included in the *Times* article, and were allowed to form their own opinions of his expertise—or lack thereof.

The *Times* then reminds us of their recent two-part series outlining how 37 people acting irrationally due to mental disorders, adverse reactions to drugs or a combination of the two, were shot by officers. The *Times* raised several serious areas of concern regarding five shootings

they profiled as involving mentally ill subjects. The Department takes issue with several issues presented during their series.

In their Sunday account of the shooting of the naked and bloodied man, the *Times* has now linked it to their flawed review of the mentally ill shot by the police. In fact at this time, no one knows the reason for the bizarre behavior of the individual who attacked Officer Thiffault.

The officers involved on Saturday must be reassured to know that Ms. Jacobs opined that Officer Thiffault "acted correctly by trying to get away from him when he became upset." Upset! The suspect was naked, bloodied, yelling, running directly toward Thiffault and grabbing her holstered semi-automatic pistol.

The *Times* apparently just can't wait for an investigation to develop the facts. They need to make it fit their apparent agenda of second guessing by mental health experts or so called police use of force experts who are eager to see their name in print comment on inappropriate hypotheticals at the expense of good police officers who have made what for most officers will be their most difficult decision—the decision to use deadly force. Not every decision a police officer makes to use deadly force is an appropriate decision. However, shouldn't police officers be given at least the benefit of waiting until the facts are known and the investigation is complete before the *Los Angeles Times* passes judgement on their actions? Haven't the vast majority of police officers earned our support until and unless the facts indicate otherwise?

Los Angeles Police Officers are well trained. They encounter and deal with the mentally ill, without any use of force, thousands of times a month. They respond quickly to emergencies when someone is acting bizarrely or threatening others on our streets or in public places. They encounter every possible situation. Mentally ill or drug-induced, those who attack uniformed police officers will sometimes encounter deadly force. Police officers have an obligation and duty to protect society when they face imminent danger. Additionally, they have a right to protect themselves from serious injury or death.

In light of the stance the *Los Angeles Times* has taken regarding the use of force by officers, they shouldn't wonder why the line of police applicants is getting shorter.

Dear Editor:

My name is Jenni McNamee and I wrote to you March of this year in regards to the possibility of purchasing some LAPD paraphernalia. Your reply had a reference number of W2. I am not sure if this is a public relations matter or not, but your name is the only one I have. I hope that if this isn't a public relations matter that you could pass it on through the correct channels for me. I am writing today with hopes of the possibility of gaining a pen friend or two through the LAPD. I have included some info on myself, and if any officer (male or female) wishes to reply could they please attach a photograph of themselves? I shall also send a photo to those who wish

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Richard S. Greene #7217
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: May 10, 1930
APPT: May 17, 1954
RETIRED: June 28, 1980
DIED: November 2, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Tex Bjorklund #6014
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: January 5, 1921
APPT: February 2, 1949
RETIRED: November 12, 1963
DIED: November 18, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Glenn O. Kuhn #4320
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley
BORN: October 19, 1919
APPT: October 19, 1945
RETIRED: February 14, 1967
DIED: December 1, 1999

❖

NAME: Paul J. Kearney #15617
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Narcotics Group
BORN: December 14, 1944
APPT: December 1, 1969
RETIRED: August 14, 1991
DIED: November 21, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Clarence G. Clark #4169
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Intelligence
BORN: November 28, 1919
APPT: February 19, 1947
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A Message From Your Police Memorial Foundation

by Al Atkins

Best wishes to you and your family for the new year from the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. This is the time of year for taking stock and being thankful for what we have and making realistic plans for where we are going. Resolutions are made; some have already been broken. We have no control over many of life's events so take charge of what you can control by nurturing a supportive family environment which is critical for the well-being of Department employees in the stressful environment of law enforcement.

The Memorial Foundation is excited about the new year and is committed to our most important resolution, providing quality support to Department members. A major element of this resolution was completed last year as the Memorial Foundation's business office moved from PAB to the Elysian Park Police Academy. The new offices are comfortable, client friendly and provide a more confidential atmosphere. No other law enforcement agency has so many entities

and personnel in place to assist employees in their time of need.

Last year, your Memorial Foundation issued financial grants of over \$380,000 to 100 Department employees experiencing unforeseen catastrophic circumstances. The grants ranged from providing educational benefits to dependents of officers who have been killed in the line of duty, to paying funeral costs of spouses and dependent children of active officers, to providing for life's necessities of officers off long-term ill or IOD.

As of this writing, no officers were killed in the line of duty during 1999. Unfortunately, it is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when. Since records were first kept in 1907, an average of two officers are killed each year. Be resolved to harden the target in 2000.

Support your Memorial Foundation through charitable payroll contributions. Hopefully you will never experience the type of catastrophic circumstances that the Memorial Foundation becomes involved with. However, remember that we are here for you and your immediate family.

Suspect or Officer?



You be the judge. Answer next month.

Letters to the Editor

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to have one, provided they write to me and ask. Thank you for your time. I know you must be busy.

Yours hopefully,
(Miss) Jenni McNamee

NAME: Jenni McNamee
AGE: 22 - DOB, April 4, 1977
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 84, Rosny Park, Tasmania, AUSTRALIA 7018
PHONE: 0418389874

MARITAL STAT: Single/Never Married
HEIGHT: 167 cm (5 ft, 2 in., Unfamiliar with feet and inches)

EYE COLOR: Brown, Green, Gray - depends on mood as they change color)

HAIR COLOR: Brown, usually dyed red

PHYSICAL FEATURES: Not too bad of a figure (36" bust, 30" waist, 40" hips)

LOCATION OF HOME: Bellerive - Hobart Tasmania Australia
INTERESTS -

FAVORITE MUSIC: Will give most music a chance, except most country and really heavy metal

FAV. BAND/SINGER: Alice Cooper

FAVORITE MOVIE: G. I. Jane

FAVORITE ACTOR: Val Kilmer

FAV. BOOK: Shaun Hutson - Slugs

FAVORITE ART FORM: Photography

FAVORITE PASTIMES: Taking photos and writing poetry

IDEAL MATE: A man who is in touch with his emotions, who is happy to sit and talk, who likes to go out dancing, but also likes a dinner at home now and then, who isn't constantly into drugs or a lot of alcohol, one who will treat his partner not only with respect and tenderness but also with faithfulness. Also having a steady job.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Blind Children's Center

Dear friends:

When I was asked to replace Sgt. Jack Rose, who played Santa for 25 years, for the LAPD's holiday party for the Blind Childrens Center, I thought, well I guess I could do it just for this year. Then I met Karen and Catalina and the other children at the Center.

Along with a dozen or more squad cars, we approached the Center with sirens blaring to announced our arrival to the children. I suddenly realized I didn't know the first thing about playing Santa for blind children. How would children who cannot see my red suit and white beard know I was Santa? The quality of my Ho! Ho! Ho! now became paramount.

The car door opened and up stepped four-year-old Karen. She greeted me with a beautiful smile and touched the bells on my sleeve, making them jingle. "Hi, Santa," she said, and then she led us through the school corridors, using her small white cane to guide us. The children who lined the way tugged at my sleeves and rang the bells. They laughed excitedly and said to everyone near, "Santa is here!"



I spent the rest of the day with laughing children on my knee telling me how good they've been and what they wanted for Christmas. That was three years ago and now I look forward to being Santa each year. I invite you to "play" Santa too!

Your contribution brings laughter and learning year-round to these very special children. The Blind Children's Center relies completely on the private sector for support of the specialized educational programs it provides for children who are blind or severely visually impaired.

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays!

Lenny Muñoz
Commissioner, Board of Prison Terms
Los Angeles Police Officer - Retired

COPS Program Funded For Fiscal Year 2000

On November 19, 1999, the House and Senate passed the last remaining appropriations bills, which are the last pieces of legislation to be passed this year, ending the first session of the 106th Congress. Congress passed the five appropriations bills as one large bill, H.R. 3194, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2000. The House passed H.R. 3194 on a vote of 296-135. The Senate passed the same measure 74-24.

The Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations Bill that provides funding for the COPS program, was part of H.R. 3194. As part of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill, the COPS program for Fiscal Year 2000 was appropriated \$913 million, of which, \$595 million is new money and the remaining \$318 million is carried over from the previous year. The Administration originally requested \$1.275 billion and Congress previously passed \$325 million for the COPS program for Fiscal Year 2000, but the President vetoed this legislation on October 25, 1999. At the time of publication, the President was expected to sign into law H.R. 3194, which reflects the compromised total of \$913 million for Fiscal Year 2000 between the Administration and Congress.

Highlights of the \$913 million appropriated for the funding of the COPS program:

- \$497,500,000 will be appropriated for hiring new police officers.
- \$209,000,000 for hiring community police officers under the universal hiring program.
- \$180,000,000 to hire school resource officers (part of the safe schools initiative).

- \$40,000,000 to hire uniformed officers to improve law enforcement on Indian lands.
- \$29,825,000 for management and administrative costs.
- \$415,500,000 will be appropriated for non-hiring grants under the COPS program.
- \$230,000,000 will be for the COPS technology program used to develop technologies to assist state and local law enforcement agencies.
- \$45,000,000 for the safe schools initiative, including funds for technology development, prevention and community planning.
- \$35,675,000 will be used for state and local law enforcement programs to combat methamphetamine production, distribution and use.
- \$30,000,000 will be used for the Police Corp program.
- \$25,000,000 will be used for the Bulletproof Vest Initiative
- \$10,000,000 will be used for community prosecutors.

This is the last year the COPS program has been authorized under the passage of the 1994 Crime Bill. President Clinton, Senator Joseph Biden, Jr. (D-DE), and Congressman Anthony Weiner (D-NY) have each proposed to continue the program for another five years. Next year, in the second session of 106th Congress, it will be one of NAPO's top priorities to lobby Congress to reauthorize the COPS program for another five years by adding an additional 50,000 police officers to our streets, more funding for crime technology and educational scholarships' for active law enforcement officers.

Los Angeles Police Protective League Announces 17th Annual Scholarship Awards Program

The Los Angeles Police Protective League is proud to announce the Seventeenth Annual Scholarship Awards Program which is open to college-bound dependents of LAPPL members, both active and retired, who have held continuous membership in the League for more than one year prior to the dependent's application. Nearly \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded. To qualify:

- An applicant must be a 2000 school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- The essay will be administered in the Los Angeles area, tentatively scheduled for March 25, 1999. **The essay portion will be administered only on one day, at one time, and at one location.** Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The Scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee and the awards will be presented in the Spring of 2000.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2000 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form below and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **LAPPL@aol.com**.

Very truly yours,
TED HUNT, President and
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Request for Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be returned to the League no later than March 3, 2000. Applications received after that date will be returned.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: () _____

Name and Assignment of League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

Serial No.: _____

Work Telephone No.: _____

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Your relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

**Applications must be obtained from the League Office at:
1308 W. 8th Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**

Applications must be received at the League office by
Friday, March 3, 2000

Legendary Ladies Luncheon

April 23, 2000, marks the 7th anniversary of the Los Angeles Policewoman's Association (now known as the Los Angeles Women Police Officer's Associa-

plan on celebrating the event on June 10, 2000, at Steven's Steak House. All the past presidents of the Los Angeles Policewomen's Association will be hon-



Det-2 Paula Feinmark, retired VP of LAWPOA Legal Affairs; Joseph Wambaugh, author; and Policewoman Gail Ryan, Newton Division —at the Jack Webb Awards, October 99.



Legendary Ladies —1914.

tion). Not only is this a milestone in the still-active association's history, but the association is also noted for being "the first" one for women officers in a United States city municipality. The "Legendary Ladies" (LAPD's original Policewoman)

ored at this event. Please notify LAWPOA if you plan to attend and if you were a past president or know a name of some past presidents. Contact LAWPOA at P.O. Box 531067, Los Angeles, CA 90053; phone: 213-228-9199.

Police Memorial: Income Tax Check Off

The California Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation (CPOMF) was established by and for peace officers so that we never forget the sacrifices that our brother and sister officers have made. The League has been an active member of the Memorial Foundation from its inception.

The Foundation does two things. First, the Foundation built and maintains the actual Peace Officers Memorial which is located at 10th Street and Capital Street, directly in front of the State Capitol in Sacramento. Second, each May, the Foundation presents a formal memorial ceremony in Sacramento which is very solemn and dignified.

Funding the Memorial has always been a "hat-in-hand" proposition as police associations sought out corporate sponsors, including 7-Eleven, UPS and Motorola. That was never a very satisfactory way to fund the Memorial.

The League joined the California Correctional Peace Officer's Association and nearly all of the other California-based law enforcement associations to support a bill which Governor Davis recently signed into law. It allows taxpayers to designate a specific dollar amount of your tax refund to be allocated to the California Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation Fund.

When you file your State of California income tax return this year, you can designate part of the tax return to be automatically transferred to the California Peace Officer's Memorial Fund. The money in that Memorial Fund can only be used for building, (adding on to) and maintaining the actual Memorial or producing the Memorial Services and events.

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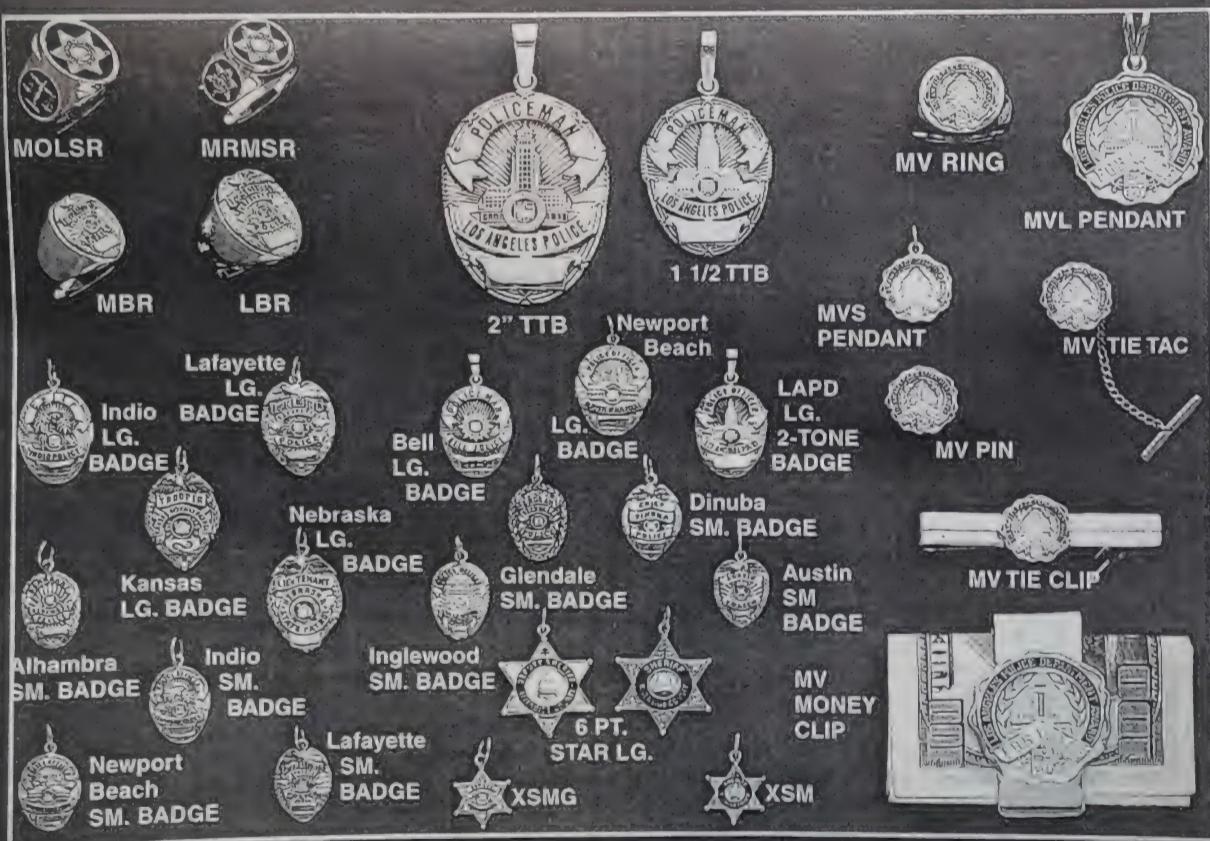
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Jack Webb Awards Banquet for LAPD Historical Society

October 22, 1999 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel



Officers Corina Draper and Jahna Beard at the Jack Webb Banquet.
photos by Dennis P. Zine



Jay Leno with Motor Officer Steve Hennigan at the Jack Webb Banquet.



Officer Holly Capra (ctr) with guests at the Jack Webb Awards Banquet.



Actor Dennis Franz and Arthur Kassel at the Jack Webb Banquet.

Officer Needs Assistance!!

by Al Ruvalcaba

I have been tasked to research the history and lineage of West Traffic Division. My initial research has been hampered by the limited amount of the material that is available and retained at the Los Angeles Police Historical Society. The Chief Operating Officer Richard Kalk of the Historical Society, suggested that I place a notice in the *Blue Line* requesting any information about the genesis of Traffic and its various associated entities (Traffic Enforcement, Accident Investigation and Parking and Intersection Control).

What I know thus far is that traffic regulation occurred in 1885. Special officers assigned to the Chief of Police handled this function. As the traffic congestion problem intensified, a traffic division was created in 1919.

Motorcycle Patrol, also known as the speed squad, came on the scene in 1905. The uniforms worn by the motor officers resembled the uniforms worn by the United States Army Cavalry. From the stories that Phil Woodling, Motor Officer, Traffic Enforcement Division, shared with me more than 30 years ago, there was an actual civil service category of Motor Officer (1905 to 19--). In fact in those days a Motor Officer could

be promoted to lieutenant, by-passing sergeant.

I don't know when Accident Investigation Division and Traffic Enforcement Division were formed. I do know the divisions were deactivated in January, 1973. Central Traffic Division and South Traffic Division were activated the next day. The traffic enforcement and accident investigation assets in Operations West and Valley Bureaus were assigned to the individual geographic areas. A few years later West Traffic and Valley Traffic Divisions were activated.

I'm interested in any information, articles, notes and photographs that anyone can provide. Any and all information that I'm able to obtain will be shared with the other Traffic Divisions. Additionally, all of the research material and final product will be given to the Los Angeles Police Historical Society for present and future generations to add and enjoy.

The requested items can be sent to West Traffic Division, 4849 West Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019, or phone (213) 472-0220. E-mail address is ruvalcabaa@aol.com or 15543@lapd.lacity.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read this notice.



Poet's Corner

Do I Feel Lucky Today?

by Michael C. Lopez, #26397

When I get dressed,
Put on my bulletproof vest,
And prepare myself for the day,
I take a shotgun from the shelf
And I ask myself,
"Do I feel lucky today?"

As I drive down the street
Or walk a footbeat,
And take myself through the day,
I put my hand on my gun
And keep my back to the sun.
"Do I feel lucky today?"

When a man with a gun
Is on the run
And he runs down an alleyway,
I take a deep breath
And hope I don't meet death.
"Do I feel lucky today?"

At the end of my shift
Through reports I will sift
And I'll laugh about the
events of the day.
I'll put the shotgun on the shelf
And I'll say to myself.
"Do I feel lucky today?"



The Final Inspection

The policeman stood
and faced his God
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, policeman.
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned
the other cheek?
To my church have you been true?"

The policeman squared his shoulders and said,
"No Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those who carry badges
Can't always be a saint."

I've had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was rough...
And sometimes I've been violent
because the streets are
awful tough.

But I never took a penny
that wasn't mine to keep...
though I worked a lot of overtime
when the bills just got too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around
except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for
me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much.
But if you don't... I'll understand."

There was a silence all
around the throne
where the saints had often trod,
as the policeman waited quietly
for the Judgment of God.

"Step forward now, policeman.
You've done your burdens well.
Come walk a beat on
heaven's streets.
You've done your time in hell."

-Author unknown



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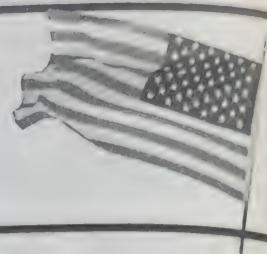
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VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
6:30pm - Panorama City
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Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261
Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
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Hm: (626) 331-4271



January 2000

OK, you can open your eyes now. It's January, 2000. We made it! We're still here! No worldwide computer crash that plunged us back into the dark ages. No planet-destroying meteors, no alien invasion threatened our hard-earned freedoms and prosperity.

Whew! So we now can kick back and relax. Wrong! First there is the matter of those New Year's resolutions. Loft personal goals, and major lifestyle changes: lost weight, exercise, stop smoking, read a book a day, spend more time with the family, renew old friendships, mend broken fences (relationships). Yes, do it! Start now! Go for it! Keep those promises you made on the eve of this brand new millennium.

And how about that other promise: *'to protect and serve'*. Daily, our active sworn officers are reminded of that, every time they look at the door of their

black and white patrol car. They strive to keep that promise to the men, women and children of Los Angeles. Their steadfast vigilance ensures that the good citizens of Los Angeles will endure. But that's not enough! Not enough? No! Tell me, what good is a city without a country?

Our vigilance is also vital to protect and serve our country, our flag, our freedoms, our prosperity, our dignity, and our American way of life. That is the mission of the troops at the American Legion Police Post #381. Our theater of operations is our community, our state, and our nation. Our battle plan is to recognize and reward those individuals who help sustain our democracy on any level, to endorse the leaders who value and abide by our constitution, to support legislation to protect our flag, to protect our veterans benefits, and to keep those Americans, who died protecting and serving our nation, alive in the hearts and minds of all the people in this land.

What a promise to keep. What a line to hold. Ensuring that our America will endure has to start somewhere. It starts here. With me, with you, with us.

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is January 18, 2000. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location: the Panorama Post, 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

November Meeting

Our last meeting was held on November 16, 1999. This was the annual "Old Timers" night. We had a great meal and good fellowship. Officer Sidney Gonzalez, the Youth Services Officer from Devonshire Division, brought the Explorer Color Guard. They joined us for dinner. At the start of the meeting they posted the colors smartly. Thanks again for the patriotic display. After the meeting we had our twice-yearly raffle. Thanks to the executive committee, there were 20 prizes donated, such as a signed print, books, collector's items, not to mention many bottles of libation. Even my wife won a prize. Being the wife of the Commander, she declined the winning (darn, gonna hafta talk with that woman).

WWII Memorial

Senator Bob Dole, the national chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign, accepted California's contribution to the memorial fund in Sacramento's Capitol Park on October 29, 1999. California's contribution was the result of the passage of Senate Bill 703, which appropriated \$1,032,000 for the memorial. This represents \$1 for every Californian who served in World War II. The memorial will be located in

Washington, D.C., with construction starting on Veteran's Day, 2000.

Welcome Recruit Class #11-99

On November 22, 1999, J. J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the 11-99 LAPD recruit class. There were four with prior military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Robert Castmire (USMC), Jackie Fort (USN), Scott Peterson (USA), William Rich (USA).

Day at the Races

January 23, 2000, is American Legion Day at the Races. It is held at Santa Anita Park, in Arcadia, Calif. Bring your family, neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome. There is children's playground in the infield. Admission and buffet lunch is included for \$15 per person. The buffet will be set up at 10:30 a.m., and the first post is at 12:30. The last post is at 5:05 p.m. Join us for this fun event. Call Charlie Mester for tickets, (661) 255-0175.

Keep a Positive Mental Attitude

We can gripe and complain about having to go to work, or we can be thankful that we have a job to go to. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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11 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

Two thousand, 2000. Dos mil. It has a very different sound and look to it. But I have to face the facts. The 21st century is now upon us. Happy new year to all LAPD patrol personnel, detective personnel, vice personnel, narcotics personnel, CRO personnel, CRASH personnel, specialized detail personnel, sick and IOD personnel, records personnel, analytical personnel, administrative personnel, orderlies, mechanics and their families. May this year be the best ever and the safest one too.

Officer of the Quarter

Northeast Area is proud to announce the selection of P.O. II **Hector Olivera**, #33064, as Officer of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1999. Officer Olivera has been an LAPD officer for three years. He is a tremendous asset to AM Watch through his professionalism and expertise. He has proven to be a force in the area of observation arrests, especially GTA and BFMV. Information developed from Hector's leads has been instrumental in arrests and the clearance of multiple crimes. He has developed a pattern of excellence, dedication and commitment to FASTRAC goals. Hector maintains a high degree of humility and is team-oriented. He has been recognized on many occasions by supervisors for his work ethic. He possesses excellent communication and writing skills. Time and time again he is one of the most productive officers on the watch. Hector has a genuine appreciation for his profession and is a reflection of LAPD's high standards. He has earned the respect of supervisors and peers and is an excellent choice for this honor. Hector's professionalism and integrity is a direct reflection of the city of L.A., the LAPD and Northeast Area.

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All Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

1500 E. Duarte Road, in the city of Duarte (91010). He wishes to thank everyone who has responded to requests for Type A-positive blood and blood platelets. He is still in need of both. Please take time out of your hectic holiday schedule to visit, write or to call a good friend, former partner, or supervisor. I'm sure he'd really appreciate hearing from you. Sgt. Clements can be reached by telephone at 626-359-8111, ext. 4844. He is staying in room #144. Thank you in advance for your help.

Off and Running

Don't tell Baker to Vegas running team captain **Gil Garcia** that it's too early to think of next April's run in the desert. He's in the process of heavily recruiting some of Northeast's finest. If you're young, old, can run like the wind, or just want to be on the support team, contact Det. Garcia back in the detective squad room. (The Baker to Vegas team had their first practice run on Saturday, December the 11th.)

Promotions

Congratulations to the following NE personnel on their recent promotions: Sgt.-I **K. Montague** to Sgt.-2 (remains), P-3 **J. Gonzalez** to Sgt.-I (FTHL), P-3 **J. Sands** to Sgt.-I (NHWD), P-3 **M. Williamson** to Sgt.-I (SE), P-2 **R. Falconer** to P-3 (remains), P-2 **N. Hooper** to P-3 (TD), P-2 **J. Costa** to P-3 (WLA), and P-2 **D. Ellison** to Sgt.-I (from VNY), and Det.-I **D. Torres** to Det.-2 (from SE).

Adios

Det. **T. Blake** to BAD, Det. **D. Cedeno** to RHD, P-1 **R. Byrd** to NHWD, P-2 **J. Delosreyes** to PER, P-2 **G. McMillan** to PER, P-1 **D. Houze** to VNY, Clerk Typist **H. Urquidez** to VNY, and MA2 **E. Peterman** to EODD.

Bienvenidos

Sgt.-I **K. Mole** from (HARB) and Det.-I **C. Heaton** from (77th). We hope you enjoy your new home.

Get Well

Get well wishes to **John Munguia** of HOBK and **Melissa Munguia** of RAMP on their recent kidney surgeries (12/3/99). They are the son and daughter of Det.-2 **John Munguia**, NE Homicide. John was the recipient of Melissa's organ, during a transplant surgery.

C-ya next month and be careful out there!

A New Kid in Town

Congratulations to the **Teddy Gonzalez** (B-team) family on the birth of son, Jake Arthur. Little Jake graced this planet on Dec. 2 weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces (hey, not a typo, I received this info in an old-fashioned manner, via a handwritten note) and stretching 22 inches long. I understand mama and baby are doing fine.

Hello Out There

Get well wishes to all of our long-term IOD folks. **Manny Argomaniz**, **Larry Martinez**, **Keith Bacon** (Hi Gunner and 5.0!), **Toy Beard**, **Randy Rico**, **Dr. Rodriguez**, **Chuck Wohlfeiler**, **Vicky Condra**, **Maggie St. Clair**, **Karen Beidle**, **Kelli Shurian** and **John Jenal**. Warm thoughts and prayers to **Bobby Avina** and the **Ryan Vanderhook** family.

Attention All 114 Alumni

Coming this fall, the chronicle of 114 will be published. With your input we hope to detail the events that have shaped our coveted position within the Los Angeles Police Department. Any information, i.e., stories, photographs, facts, figures, memorabilia, etc., etc., etc., are welcomed. For further information, please contact Cathy Hardy at Metro desk, 213-485-4091.

R-10 girl, clear.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

In-N-Out-N-Up

The vacancies don't stay vacant very long at BAD. Several oral interviews were given and the promotions were made. Congratulations go to **Lawayne Stift** and **Bruce Oakley**, who both went from D-I to D-II. Lawayne (who is my partner) will stay working in the CAT Section. Bruce will be in charge of the new CAD Unit. Det.-II **Charlie Bennett** of SIS received the nod for the D-III spot in charge of the FEE squad.

Also coming into BAD are **Tim Blake** from Northeast Division, **Bruce Adkins** from TSD, **Cameron Kovacs** from Central Division, Senior Clerk Typist **Cecilia Mora** from ATD, and **Fabian Ospina** who came to BAD from Hollywood Division. **Monica Lee** left BAD and was promoted to Principal Clerk at R&I Division.

Welcome to all the new members of BAD and congratulations to those who were promoted.

League Delegate of the Year

Our very own Det. **Keith Jackson**, who was honored at the League Dele-



Detective Keith Jackson "Delegate of the Year" with Director Dennis P. Zine.

gate's Convention last August in San Diego. Keith was chosen, hands down, as the LAPPL "Delegate of the Year" for his involvement in the League and as BAD's delegate. Keith was honored with a special plaque commemorating this honor.

Retirement Recap

Det. III **Jim Becker** retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after 27-1/2 years. Jim came on the department in March of 1972 and went to Van Nuys Patrol immediately out of the Academy. Jim later transferred to Wilshire Division, where he also worked as a detective trainee. He worked autos, burglary, receiver team and narcotics. Jim was also assigned to Devonshire Division and was eventually promoted



Detectives Moreno, Howe, Stift and Byun enjoying a cops' favorite food, 'Krispy Kreme' doughnuts at the Catbox.

to P-3+1. During his tenure at Devonshire, he was also selected by the bureau to work a special taskforce to reduce auto theft and burglary. In July of 1989, Jim was promoted to sergeant and transferred to West Valley Division. Jim took a voluntary decrease in paygrade in October, 1990, when he made Det.-I and transferred to Narcotics Division to work the Asset Forfeiture Unit. Jim also worked Van Nuys Detectives, BAD's Receiver Unit, Cargo CATS (Multi-Jurisdictional Taskforce) and a two-month loan to Internal Affairs Division. Becker eventually landed again at BAD, where he worked the Burglary Special Section, specializing in safe and hotel crimes.

During his time with the LAPD, Jim received many commendations for his hard work. When I observed his personnel package his commendations were numerous and came to the size of a book the size of the department's manual. Jim also makes a point of staying in shape by running and has participated in the Baker to Vegas Run on many occasions.

After his retirement Jim has gone to work in private industry for Traveler's Insurance, continuing to do investigations. Jim lives with his wife, Det. **Melinda Becker** of Central Division and his daughter Karrin in Moorpark, California. Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes for your future.

Take Care of Yourself

This is the start of a new year, decade, century and millennium. These are very exciting and stressful times that we work and live in. Sometimes I believe we take much for granted, including our health. During the last decade they have made great strides in science and medicine. One thing that medicine can help you do now is preventive maintenance for your body. We do preventive maintenance on our cars, boats and homes. Why not on ourselves? Most treatment in medicine has been reactive instead of proactive. You get sick, have symptoms and seek treatment. Sometimes it's too late by the time they discover what's wrong with you. Your question might be how can we do preventive maintenance on ourselves? The answer is a new procedure that is paid for by Blue Cross health insurance and offered by Health View. The procedure is safe, painless and can warn you of potential problems that are developing, but might not show up for years.

At first when I heard about this procedure, I felt that I did not want to have it because I did not want to know, fearing some bad news, although I have no health problems. This was the wrong attitude and would have prevented me from taking corrective action for any future health problems. So I opted to have the Health View Ultrafast CT scan with a twist. This x-ray is like no one you have never seen before. I was amazed at how I could look inside my body and

see my arteries, organs and bone structure. It was as if someone was inside me with a camcorder. After the examination, I had an in-depth consultation with Dr. Eisenberg, the founder and inventor of this particular procedure. I came away feeling relieved knowing the condition of my body. The cost is minimal as Blue Cross insurance covered most of the cost and with the discount that Health View gives police officers. This is a life-giving gift to you, take advantage of this opportunity. Think about having this done, but don't think too long.

Wedding Bells for a King and His Queen

Lt. **Verne King** married his long-time sweetheart, Det. **Carole Crispin**, of Rampart Division, on November 12, 1999, in Portland, Oregon. Verne and Carole were married aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler by the captain in the ship's wheelhouse while they paddled down the Willamette River. Congratulations to Verne and Carole King.

Birthday Wishes

I have the same excuse the rest of you use. It gets busy during the holidays and deadlines become tough to make. So much for why I didn't have an article for BAD last month. We have two months of birthdays to celebrate. Better late than not at all! Happy birthday wishes to all these BAD people: On 12/1, Dennis Cicioni; 12/3, Lawayne Stift; 12/5, Joe Freia; 12/14, Denny Fuller; 12/15, Chris Brazzil; 12/19, Bobby Rivera; 12/22, Troy Bybee; 12/30, David Kennedy. In January on 1/4, Dan Nee; 1/15, Ben Black; 1/21, Sal Gallegos; 1/23, Steve Fellman and 1/27, Al Corella.

Official Birthday for New BAD Family Member

Det. **Marc Zavala** and his wife, Rachel, announced the birth of their sec-



Gloria Marie Zavala, born to Marc and Rachel on 10/20/99.

ond child, Gloria Marie, who was born on Oct. 20, 1999. Congratulations on producing such a little cutie.

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77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

On behalf of the men and women of 77th Street Division we would all like to wish you and your families a safe and happy year 2000. It has been quite a year for all of us, and it does not matter where you work. When you are a member of the Los Angeles Police Department family, you are just that - family. Good and bad happen to all families at



Our very own PSR Gale Briles giving those of us who are the "most demanding" the look of "hold on, I will be right with you..."

one time or another. What is important is that we remember to take the good with the bad, learn from it, and continue

on with our mission. Stripes, stars, and bars do not make you a "leader." You as an individual choose your path and if you keep the one word "tradition" in your mind and heart, you can be a leader. Here at 77th Street we have the motto: "The Tradition Continues . . ." We take this motto very seriously, because of the history involved at this division. We have had the privilege to share this "tradition" with many of you. And for those of you who have not had the privilege to visit our divisional

department our lieutenant will be pulling the pin. Let it be known that in his own words he has been heard saying: "I will not retire until 77th Street is defeated in this bench press contest!" Well last time we had two teams. I suppose next time we will have three!

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Lieutenant Paul Von Lutzow surrounded by his supporting team... Officer Debbie Luker, SLO Maria Marquez, Sgt. Deb Gorman, the legend "Lieutenant Paul Von Lutzow," Det. Lisa Wernli, SLO Perry Griffith, SLO Renee Minnick, Sgt. Nina Brown and P1 Sophia Castaneda.

home, always remember that our door is open. And if for some reason you never get this far "south," rest assured we will always remain there for you!

Coach of the Decade

Divisional congratulations to our very own Lt. Paul Von Lutzow for being named the "Coach of the Decade" at the LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet on November 19, 1999. Our lieutenant was awarded with a monumental shadow box of eight weightlifting medals, and he also had the privilege of accepting our award of being the Departmental Champions for this weightlifting contest. Rumors are already spreading that after 30 years with this

. . . Did you send the Mobile Field Force . . . Do you have the Master line-up? Hey, A.C.C./P.S.R. are you there? What a job! Sometimes we all forget

just what an important role these women and men play in our lives. At 77th Street we try to remember that they work just as hard as a sworn officer, and we do our best to see that they are not taken for granted. One of our most senior is PSR Gale Briles. Gale is assigned to 77th Street and although Gale is assigned to the desk she is more than often counted on to assist the Watch Commander in those ACC duties when needed. Gale does this without reservation, because she truly cares about her officers at 77th Street. Her knowledge of the LAPD Communications system is patrol's major asset. Her compassion for this division is indeed commendable. Thank you, Gale for being a part of our family!

In closing, your brothers and sisters at 77th Street send you "Angel Blessings." The city of Los Angeles, known as the City of Angels, awaits us. As a departmental family, we move on forward into a new millennium. Always remember "That there is only one thing in this world that is truly bulletproof. It's faith. The faith you wrap yourself up in every day of your life. Faith that no matter what happens, you won't lose God's love. And all the bullets in the world can't pierce it."

Let God's love in "our tradition" be with us . . .

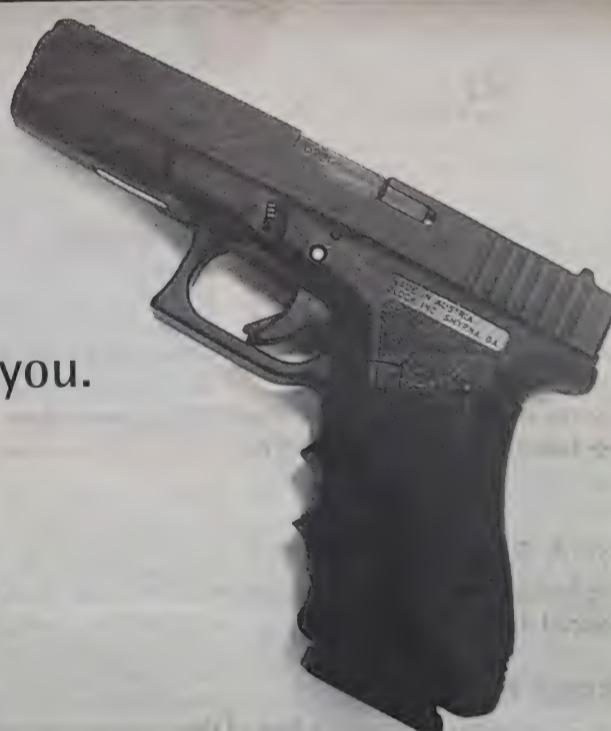
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The pictured personnel attached to the United States Coast Guard Reserve

military exercise (Foal Eagle Exercise 1999 dtd: 24 October 1999 through 8 November 1999). From left: POIII (BM2) Michael Graham (Foothill Patrol), POIII (PS3) Hector Alvarez (77th CRASH), POII (SN) Ivan Guillermo (North Hollywood Patrol), CT (YN3) Joyce Aquino (Juvenile Division), POIII (PS3) Arthur Gamboa (Rampart Patrol), POIII (PS3) Paul Flage (South Traffic), and POIII (PS3)



Port Security Unit Three One One (PSU 311) just safely returned from Chinhe, South Korea for a successful

Ron Kitzmiller (Rampart Area). Not in the picture: POIII (MK2) Manuel Huezo (Central Patrol.)

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Hello? . . . anyone? . . . anyone? . . . Is anyone there? If you're reading this, it means that things at the post office didn't turn out too bad after all. Whew

I decided that this would be a good time to get random comments from co-workers as we approach and enter into the year 2000. One officer, who preferred to remain anonymous, said that, "There are people that want to be the last person in 1999 and the first person in 2000 to commit the crime of the millennium." Civilian Bill Wisner said, "I think the 2000 problem will be



Here they are... the West LA Mud-runners! Don't they look great?

ongoing for many years—hopefully only small problems. Example: Ford Motor Co. said it would take them at least five years to straighten it out. They have over 75,000 vendors in over 50 countries. The good part is we might learn not to be so dependent on the

computer." Fellow desk officer Robert Jaramillo stated, "The year 2000, a new beginning, with curiosity about the unknown with today's technology." Then there was this from SLO Officer Dennis Hinman, "I'll be watching 2000 from the front porch of my house." Officer Maria Ceja said she "will be patrolling the streets (hopefully without riot gear!)." As for me, I will be cautiously ensconced at the front desk, hoping that the water is run-



Officer Pete Repovich with Officer Maria "SayHa" Ceja.

ning, the power is on and I am well fed." So, happy new year!

I would also like to submit the following adventure: West L.A.'s PM and mid-PM watch units participated recently in the L.A. Sheriff's Department SEB Mud Run. What's a mud run? I don't know, but I'm willing to take their word for it. Sounds like it was a blast. Runners included: Brian Gallagher, Dave Alpers, Sue Lowry, Rufus Ward, Vic Perez, Ernie Siy, Michelle Blackstone, Suzanne Gras and Rich Sauer. Next year let's all run.

I'm sorry to report that Officer Pete Repovich did not win his election bid for LAPPL Director, seat #2, but I'm confident he will win next time. During a recent WLA roll call, Peter thanked everyone for their support and was encouraged by the fact that he lost by such a narrow margin. They say you can't keep a good man down, so I know we'll be hearing more from him soon.

That's all for now . . . and again, happy new year!

the Bird's Eye View

by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

On behalf of everyone at Air Support Division I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Welcome to the new millennium. *I guess everything went well if you're reading this.* We were reassured by our helicopter manufacturers that they were "almost 100% sure" that our ships are Y2K compliant. (Boy, that was comforting.)

Our first round of Tactical Flight Officer candidates came through DP #11. Jim Hagerty from Metro made the outstanding list and is currently off on vacation. We'll know sometime soon if he's decided to remain at Metro or join us. Whatever you decide, Jim, nice job and good luck to you. Our current TFO candidates include Adam Shiffer from Harbor Division, Dave Hernandez from 77th and Erwin Stowell from Valley Traffic. Boy, as if the holidays weren't stressful enough already. Good luck, guys.

Another milestone was reached by Air Support Division's most Senior Pilot, Lewis "Lew" Peake. On Nov. 3, 1999, Lew had his 31st anniversary with LAPD and is currently in his 26th year assigned to Air Support. With Lew's "old school" work ethic and love for police work and flying he continues to set the standard for all ASD pilots. (Not to mention that he taught most of

them to fly.) Congratulations, Lew. Keep up the great work. We love you man.

Our aircrews have been working hard to make it to your roll calls. If you haven't seen us yet or would like a specific topic covered, give us a call at 2600 and we'll do our best to accommodate you. As always, ride-alongs are always welcome and encouraged. Come up and check it out from A Bird's Eye View.

Tip of the Month

Why get a roof check? Well, as most of us know, there are a lot of ways to break into a building. The combination of a good check from the ground and from the air can detect entry from most burglars without actually going into the business. When we complete a "roof check," we are searching for any possible way someone can get into a building that you might not be able to see. Both visually and with the F.L.I.R. we have one. We check your roof and any adjacent roof where suspects could enter another business and tunnel through inner walls into yours. (Common in strip malls.) We then check the perimeter ensuring that there are no objects (dumpsters, pallets, plywood, bushes, etc.) that could hide a suspect while he tunnels or otherwise breaks into your business. Of course, we always look for the obvious—open doors, broken/open windows and ladders leading to rooftops. With the strong desire some burglars have to get into businesses, together we can team up to keep them out. Or at least catch them when they do get in. We have to prioritize our calls and respond to crimes in progress and officer safety concerns first. But I always recommend a roof check when you can get one.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

Well, by the time you all read this article, Y2K will be a thing of the past. However, I think the computer glitches already happened. Had to be . . . I noted long time P-2 **Donni Ellison** has been promoted to sergeant and slipped off to Northeast. And everyone knows what a great computer hacker Donni is. How did you do it? Anyway this is as close to making sergeant as I will ever get, as Doni has a locker in the same row as I. Also making sergeant from the P-2 dog position was Sgt. **A. Rhone**. This is a promotion from DHD, so that's cool. Sgt. **Teague** must be on someone's list as he gets shipped down the hall to Jail Division. I think he can find his way. **Kim Jones** was on the transfer to Juvenile, but I saw her in the hallway yesterday, so I just don't know about this. We had some 11 or 12 people coming and going, so I may skip the rest. Sorry everybody, I can just type so much of that sort of thing.

We can finally print the famous "Krispy Creme" photo of Sgts. **Hanezuk**, **Artes**, and **Phillips**. As if any of these three were going anywhere anyway. Oops, sorry John, I forgot you are a shooting star, or a shot star, or something. I have to be somewhat nice as he is my den mother this DP . . . **Ubaldo Mendoza** is stressed out. They gave him 30 days to straighten out two 30-year vets **Bob Rose** and **Tom Bibbs**. He was checking with everyone for a switch to middays, or AMs or PMs or anywhere. No luck, he is stuck with this impossible task to change



Bob Rose and Tom Bibbs continue to try out any job as both have their thirty years in.

from 30 years of nothing to being productive, and all in 30 days. He keeps giving Tom and I job opening tips. Please retire, you old, old dinosaurs. I did not do anything to deserve this.

Van Nuys had another of those training days. Sgt. **Randy Hoffmaster** was his usual self, as he usually is when he forgets his Prozac. I just can't believe he



picked on me at the very outset of this training day . . . promised me an afternoon nap, then failed to produce. Typical Sgt. II, all promises and no deliverance. The training day did have its moments with P-3 **Rob Gasior** providing us with his impression of a dirt track driver. Sgt. Hoffmaster threatened to suspend his driver's license, to which Rob replied, "Never had one, sorry Sarge." Then **Keith Ortiz** ran over the young lady "dummy." And they thought Rob was a bad driver. Well, maybe Keith thought the dummy reminded him of some hooker on Sepulveda Boulevard and was getting even.

The great annual hunting trip to Colorado was attended by **Jim Rigney**, **Tom Bibbs**, and **Ron Carpenter**, to name a few. Ron soon found out that killing skunks with a 5,000-pound car is easier than hitting a herd of deer two miles away. It was either get Ron a thirty cal machine gun or a quick lesson in hunting deer. If they had just left Ron alone, Bambi would still have a mother. However, all did end well as Ron headed home hauling some tasty venison.

PSR **Stacy Ball** reported a citizen decided to cut through all of that red tape and signed his own impound release. Keystone tow thought this looked unusual and sent this young feller to Van Nuys desk. Once there, the desk determined the signature and serial number were really strange. The citizen finally admitted to making up the releasing officer and serial number and thought it was funny. The desk thought it amusing. Valley Forgery then approved a booking for forgery and the fun was over for all. I was



Sgt. Dave Hanezuk, Sgt. John Artes and Sgt. Lisa Phillips.

going to print something about our fine kit room commander, **Raffi Khandikian**, but the someone found a photo that said it all.

I usually play it loose with my articles and am usually consistent with an *L.A. Times* reporter in being somewhat inaccurate and loose with my facts and figures, and trying to keep things lighthearted and hopefully humorous. It is time for a couple of serious things. First, good luck to **Rick Roy** and **Myron Pedroche**, both facing knee surgery, Rick the more serious type. Hope they can glue both you back together again. Then on an even more serious note, I am sad to report the passing of Sgt. **Carol Mosher**'s father. We are with you in your time of need.

Well, as usual, I have rambled on and now it is time to say bye until next . . .

The World Class Police Department LAPD RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin
Employee Opportunity
and Development Division

Storm Front

Billy Joel, an American singer/songwriter, sang, "There's a storm front coming, white water running and the pressure is low." This is still indicative for our recruitment efforts, although this is the most exciting rollercoaster ride that I have ever been on; there are still defeats within the many victories that we have had lately.

One of the greatest victories for our Department and our Section this year has been the contact at National Promotions and Advertising (NPA). This contact was made through Councilman Nate Holden's office and they are responsible for the great billboards that consume the construction wall that surrounds PAB. They are also responsible for our new posters showing our Department entering the new millennium with patrol, motors, mounted unit, bicycle patrol, and ASD. Along with the posters, they made business cards, bookmarks, and bumper stickers for our recruiters to look even more impressive

when we are out there representing our Department. Note: all of these new recruiting tools that we have been given were done so on a pro bono (that means FREE) basis by NPA. Thank you!!

I also have to thank Officer **Rosa Torres**, #31867, for coordinating all of the picture shoots and all of the officers who took the time smiling for the camera. SID photos also did a great job taking and developing the film.

Officer **Ken Roa**, #31690, spent countless hours checking the different prices and designs for our new recruitment displays that we use at the different events. This was a long process, but thanks to Ken, we are now able to say that we have the best displays at any event we attend.

Ken is also responsible for creating Recruitment's own Web site that candidates will be able to post questions and participate in an online oral preparation seminar. This will be extremely beneficial to those candidates who cannot make it to our twice-a-month oral seminars. (www.egroups.com/groups/join-LAPD/)

The New Recruiters

Besides everyone reading this article, I have to say welcome to Officer **Keith Aulick**, #30870, who is joining us from the Harbor. I'll report next month the others that will be joining us from abroad.

Please keep the referrals coming into our office at (323) 957-4529. Be safe and I'll see you around town.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh
Training Division

Food Drive

In the month of October, 1999, the 8B99 Class decided to participate in a food drive for the Thanksgiving Canned Good and Turkey Drive. This event was organized on behalf of the Union Rescue Mission for women, men and children. Lydia Johnson of the Union Rescue Mission assisted in the processing of this function. The 8B99 Class donated 277 items of canned goods, packaged food, and candy for the Union Rescue Mission. Officer Jim Marshall, the Class Coordinator for this class, strongly encouraged his class in their good-willed intentions. This type of initiative is reflective of the leadership skills that Chief Parks and our De-



The 8B-99 Class.

partment constantly instill in our members. We would like to thank both the 8B99 Class and the Union Rescue Mission for their tireless efforts in assisting the community!

Outstanding Instructor Award for the 5-99 Recruit Class

Congratulations to Officer Manny Ortega of the Academic Instruction Training Unit! The 5-99 Recruit Class

voted Manny as the Outstanding Instructor for their academy class. Manny was invited as a guest of Chief Parks during a Chief's Breakfast, prior to the 5-99 Class graduation. Once again, great job! This makes it two in a row for the Academic Instruction Training Unit, with Officer Henry Mendoza being selected by the 4-99 Recruit Class!



Officer Manny Ortega and the 5-99 Class.

New Baby

Officer Theresa Stanford (Human Relations Training Unit) and her husband, Sgt. Barry Stanford, are the proud parents of Jonathan Robert Stanford. Jonathan was born on July 16, 1999,



Jonathan Stanford.

weighing in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Congratulations to both of them. Barry and Theresa both claimed that they are already instructing Jonathan in the area of the LAPD phonetic codes.

Defense Rep Corner

by Paul M. Weber
Officer Representation Section

Congratulations

The elections are over! Congratulations to our four new directors Don Lint, Mitzi Grasso, Bob Baker and Ken Hillman. Also congratulations to Dennis Zine who won re-election.

In the following article it is not important to note the court cases listed. What is important is that your very job depends upon being truthful. Police Department (including LAPD) and prosecutors are dealing harshly with officers found to be less than truthful. As any good representative will tell you: If you cannot tell the truth, then you should not give an interview.

It must be noted that there is a concomitant duty of police officer to answer all duty-related questions truthfully and completely. A police officer may also be disciplined for: Giving an untruthful answer; Intentionally omitting material facts; or giving evasive answers.

Numerous cases have upheld the dismissal or lesser punishment administered to public employees for lying. Several such cases involve false testimony before a board or tribunal, *Foran v. Murphy*, 342 N.Y.S. 2d 4 (A.D. 1973); *Borders v. Anderson*, 22 Cal. Rptr. 243 (Cal. App. 1962); or making a false written statement, *Cruz v. City of San Antonio*, 440 S.W. 2d 924 (Tex. Civ. App. 1969); *Wilbur v. Walsh*, 147 Conn. 317, 160 A. 2d 755 (1960); or an affidavit, *Wasemann v. Roman*, 168 S.E. 2d 548 (W. Va. 1969); or an official report, *Marino v. City of Los Angeles*, 110 Cal. Rptr. 45 (App. 1973).

"Untruthfulness" can also be a conscious omission of requested information, *Puckett v. City and County of San Francisco*, 25 Cal. Rptr. 276 (Cal. App. 1962). Puckett was dismissed for withholding information on medical injury claims in his employment application.

A New York appellate court has upheld the dismissal of a police officer who gave "evasive" answers to a grant jury. *Donnelly v. Police Department*, 40 A.D. 2d 649, 336 N.Y.S. 2d 508 (1972). Needless to say, the conscious omission or evaded responses must be relevant to the disciplinary inquiry and constitute needed information to justify a serious penalty.

If you need a question answered or help with a complaint, Officer Representation Section is open 0800-1800, Monday through Friday, at PAB room 813. We can be contacted at (213) 485-9516.

cally Clerk Typist Deborah Davis and Officer Karena Rowan who really put this thing together. We had a great turnout, and everyone left with big smiles and full bellies!

Major Milestone

Hearty congratulations go out to Sgt. Jack Dillard who celebrated his 30-year anniversary with this fine department. Wow! That's a long time! I mean a really, really long time. Hey, Sarge, do you realize that you've been a police officer longer than more than 50% of this department has ever been alive? Not old, just well seasoned!

Companion Officer Program

Some of you patrol officers and detectives may have recently received a letter from a 5th grade DARE student expressing their appreciation and gratitude for



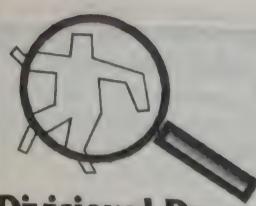
Officer Sergio Ortiz—Approximately 400 agencies in California received workbooks from the National Guard including the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

the hard work that you do on a daily basis. These beautiful little notes that are full of drawings and Pokémon stickers come straight from their hearts. I am personally encouraging each and every one of you that has received one of these letters to take a couple of minutes and write a note back to the child that is eagerly looking forward to hearing from you. I assure you that it will be a rewarding experience for both of you. A note of thanks to Officer Carol Evans and Officer Karen Wright who spent many, many hours coordinating this program.

Keep daring to make a difference, and make this a wonderful New Year!

Holiday Party

DARE Division's annual Winter Celebration Party was held on Friday, December 10th. The luncheon was held at the Academy Club and emceed by Sgt. Ed Palmer. Thanks to all the hard work by the Station Fund Committee and specifi-



Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The Bank Squad provided the following commendable incident. Even though Rampart Division has been taking a major hit in the media recently, the officers there are still going out every day and night doing good police work.

On Oct. 9th, at approximately 1750 hours, a lone male Hispanic robbed the Bank of America located in the 2100 block of West 6th Street. The suspect used a demand note, which he left at the scene and made off with a large amount of U.S. currency. Officers Maraio,

#30669, and Prieto, #34158 (2A51), responded to the bank. These officers contacted the witnesses then initiated a crime broadcast. The officers then secured the crime scene and preserved all physical evidence, including the recovery of the demand note.

Officers Nuñez #33418, and Oropeza, #33175 (2Z5), has also responded to the bank and received information that a male Hispanic matching the suspect's description was seen entering a building in the 2200 block of West 6th Street. The officers responded to the area and observed a male that, even though was now wearing different clothing, matched the general description of the suspect. A subsequent field show-up conducted by Officers Maraio and Prieto resulted in the positive identification of this individual. The officers also recovered the U.S. currency that had been stolen from the bank. Det. Arias, #25463, had responded to the bank and assisted with the interviews. Det. Arias verified the suspect's name and address. A consent search for the suspect's residence was obtained which

resulted in the recovery of the clothing worn by the suspect during the commission of the crime.

We at RHD commend these officers for their rapid response, attention to duty and the use of solid tactics. The thorough and professional actions by these fine Rampart officers and detective resulted in the arrest of a bank robbery suspect and the recovery of the bank's money.

Just a friendly reminder from the Bank Squad. If you respond to a bank robbery investigation and you happen to locate an UN-exploded dye-pack outside of the bank, DO NOT handle it unless you look good in red. Treat this as an explosive device. Call the bomb squad and have them deactivate it. For those of you that don't know, the dye-pack is designed to explode outside of the bank and it emits red dye and mace.

Welcome to the Division

RHD is expanding at a rapid rate with the increased personnel assigned to the Rape Specials Section. Last article I acknowledged 12 new detectives. Hope you all enjoy your stay.

RHD News

For those of you that have retired or moved on to other assignments you will probably not recognize the unit. As of December we now have 100 plus detectives assigned to the division. Homicides Specials, along with Robbery Specials no longer have take-home cars, and it looks like we are going to have to conduct our roll calls in the PAB auditorium. The division is taking on more cases and is as busy as ever.

An example was December 2nd. Most of the division was at the RIID citywide holiday party when the shooting team was called in to respond to two separate OISs. One was the Harbor and the other was in the Valley. The good news is that none of our officers were seriously hurt and two scumbags are now pushing up daisies. Then, on the morning of December 3rd, Homicide Specials responded to a high profile 187. Not to be left out, Robbery Specials, who are investigating several serial robberies and conducting night line-ups, responded to two kidnap investigations over the Thanksgiving weekend. Yup, the work goes on.

First Ever RHD Family Reunion

Well, it's official. Det. Marlow and I have begun to plan for this event. We presented it to the division and received a positive/enthusiastic response. J. R. Kwock and Jerry Stevens have volunteered their assistance and retired detective Joe Najera has volunteered to assist barbecuing the steaks. To make this work we will need assistance and ideas from all active and retired members of RHD. This event will take place at the academy picnic grounds on Saturday, June 10th, at 1200 hours. We are planning this as a family event. We will also be inviting any individuals that have assisted RHD throughout the years. So, if you retirees can remember who may have been of assistance to you way back when—an example is John Cassotta and his son from Armored Transport—please let us know so that we can send them an invitation. Contact Det. Marlow at 485-2129.

Until next time, BE SAFE. ♦

What About Wilshire?

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Welcome to the first column about Wilshire in the new year and the new century, since we're all probably tired of hearing the word "millennium." Anyway, the month of November was a good month as far as happenings in our fine division. As usual, mid-days (Patrol) set the pace for noteworthy occurrences, but don't think that just because I am currently assigned to mid-days I am biased, or anything. One of our finest "P-2 Dogs," Officer G. Gutierrez, a recent transfer from AM Shift, had a particularly good month for recap. It seems that he has an affinity for being at the right place at the wrong time—for the crooks that is. To start the month out with a bang, Gutierrez and his partner, Officer J. Dunn, were down in the division's south end when they spotted a couple of lads who had taken it upon themselves to appropriate a vehicle (steal a ride) and drive around town as though they had good sense. Needless to say, they made a mistake by driving in front of the officers, and a few minutes later a couple of 18th Street Gang members were in custody.

Once again, the crime-fighting duo was down in the south end doing their job. They drove by a known drug location/apartment complex which is frequented/inhabited by ne'er-do-wells. As they made eye contact with a particular male in the complex, they observed him holding a long knife in one hand, as he extended the middle finger of friendship with the other. They opted to contact him regarding the LAMC Section (for the knife). Long story short, their investigation revealed the suspect was holding in a backpack approximately one-fifth pound of marijuana, scales used for weighing narco, and \$1,600 in cash. He also had a bad attitude and was known to numerous officers in a couple of divisions for

"greeting" the police with his one-fingered salute.

Gutierrez teamed with Officer E. Shear to continue his crime abatement efforts. The day after Thanksgiving, the officers responded to a radio call of "ADW shots fired." After all was said and done, they took two suspects into custody for felony weapons and drug charges, and recovered a gun and concentrated cannabis. Two days later, "Gatman" and Robin were running license plates in a known gang location and observed two known hoodlums in a stolen car with AZ plates. Both of them were taken into custody and another victim regained a small measure of faith in the system. Outstanding job, Officer Gutierrez and partners!

Moving along to kinder and gentler topics, the stork has once again landed at Wilshire. Lt. H. Frank (Day Watch) and his wife recently welcomed the latest (and he says the last) addition to their family. He is the proud papa of a darling little girl. Congratulations, lieutenant! In next month's issue I'll bring everybody up to date on the "fork and stork" club. (The fork has to do with who's getting married, as in "put a fork in me, I'm done.") Just kiddin', but I will have some names to pass along.

Finally, the Wilshire Christmas party was held on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Airport Hilton. It took a lot(!) of work, but the results were worth the effort. Even for us "hard core" types, the surroundings were beautifully decorated, and the atmosphere was definitely conducive to a holiday get together. A very special "thank you" goes to the following persons who comprise the Wilshire Christmas Fund Committee: Officers W. Porche, B. Durazo, and R. Liams, Det. K. Jackson-Williams and Clerk Typist J. Hall. Thanks to you folks it was a success!

That's a wrap for this article, but I just want to pass along something that is not profound but is important: At times, we are each other's only source of support and encouragement. Let's make sure we take care of each other. As we are all too aware, there are a lot of people who will do anything to divide us. Let's stick together in a positive way and do this difficult but rewarding job as only we can. We are the best! See you next month.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Devonshire Dateline

by Elaine "Pepper" Dewberry
Devonshire Division

Welcome 2000!

Whew, the 1900s just whizzed by! We are all entering a once-in-a-lifetime event, and that is to be able to experience a new MILLENNIUM. I hope each of you had a joyous holiday season with family and friends. Look forward with great anticipation to see what wonderful things this year will bring. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride!

Police Working With the Community Results in Arrests

During the first two weeks of November, 1999, Det. III Tom Broad, Devonshire Burglary Coordinator, began receiving telephone calls from concerned residents in the neighborhood surrounding the 15800 block of Romar Street in Northridge. There was a perceived problem of increased criminal activity. Det. Broad utilized the resources of the Crime Analysis Detail (CAD) and determined there was a significant and recent increase of criminal activity in the reporting districts surrounding the Romar Address. This information was relayed to the Day Watch patrol officers and the

School Car Units via the FASTRAC process.

On November 15, 1999, Devonshire patrol officers responded to a radio call of a "Prowler there now." Due to the rapid response time, officers were able to arrest two individuals. Subsequent investigation led to the discovery of two residential burglary victims and the recovery of stolen property. Devonshire Detective personnel responded to the scene to assist, which resulted in a third suspect being identified and arrested by detectives.

This case represents the best of community-based policing and the FASTRAC process at work. A problem brought to the attention of the Department by the community and solved with the resources of the Area. Devonshire Detectives anticipate that the ongoing follow-up investigation will result in filings and the clearance of over 100 crimes.

A Notorious O.G. Taken Off the Streets by Clear

Officers Don Magers and Juan Emerick (AKA "The Don Juan Team") recently arrested an old time Pacoima gangster for robbery. The suspect was wanted in connection with nine strong-armed robberies in the San Fernando Valley and numerous Grand Theft Autos. The CLEAR district Attorney filed 27 felony counts on the suspect. If convicted he will face 667 years in prison.

Congratulations to Devonshire Area Explorers

In November, 1999, Devonshire Area graduated ten new Explorers. Devonshire not only graduated the highest number of recruits, but also received the

Daryl F. Gates Award given to the "No. 1" recruit class in the city.

Devonshire Area Explorers also participated in the First Annual LAPD City-wide Competition. Devonshire Explorers placed in three out of five possible events, taking home the most number of trophies.

Let's Play the Newlywed Game!

On September 3, 1999, Officer Michael Lee Google married his sweetheart, Photographer III Karen Elizabeth



Michael & Karen Google.

News From the Wet-Set Gazette

On November 8, 1999, at 2300 hours, Sgt. Tim Surette and his wife welcomed a baby girl into their family. Brianne Surette weighed a healthy 9 pounds, 9 ounces. Both mom and baby are doing well.

Three-for-One Retirement

Three of Devonshire's finest will leave the LAPD for other endeavors. Dets. Russ Lyons, Joe Adolph, and Bill Mares are saying goodbye. A retirement dinner in their honor will be held on February 24, 2000, at the Veterans' Hall. Mark your calendars and make plans to send off our brother officers in style. Tickets are available in area detectives and the watch commander's office. Call Det. III Tom Broad at (818) 756-8291 for further details.

Movin' Up

Congratulations to our newest P-3 Training Officers, Paul Chambers, Gareth Holovach and Phillip Sellers.

Farewell

Devonshire bids farewell to Sgt. John Delvecchio, Officers Barbara Matzoll, Tom O'Brien, and CSA Fitch, leaving us for Training Division. Lee Perry is going downtown to Central; Heather Kowalczyk is heading over to North Hollywood and Todd Holmberg to VTD. Best of luck to you all, and enjoy your new assignments.

Welcome!

Devonshire extends a warm welcome to Officers Robert Bishop from Rampart, Louis Cabrera in from BAD, Fred Cueto over from Newton, Michael Guttila rode the waves from Pacific, Marc Diamond from Wilshire and from Training Division Phillip Bruno and Charles Kim. Enjoy your stay.

Goodbye

This is where I say a fond farewell to all of you. I will be joining the "Virtual World" of Internal Affairs Group, Valley Section. I have enjoyed being your divisional reporter for the past several months. I had a blast with my old partners, Dets. Stephanie Lazarus, Eric Moore and Det./Sgt. Amalia Sanchez (Northeast). To Tom Broad, Burglary Coordinator, you are the greatest. Thank you for all of your wisdom and insight. I love you guys.

Welcome your new divisional reporter, Officer Don Graham, OIC, Volunteer Surveillance Team, with "News From the Dawg Pound."

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

Welcome to the Third Millennium West Valley! Congratulations! You all made it through the hectic holiday season and the "dreaded" Y2K. I hope everyone's Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's were full of happiness, joy, and a few eggnogs. As you enter the 21st century with all those New Year's resolutions that you still won't follow through on, do this simple exercise: take a deep breath, relax, now try to remember where all of those "equipment" receipts went. Yes, Uncle Sam didn't forget. He and his buddies at the IRS were definitely Y2K ready. Your 1040 forms await folks.

West Valley Stork Report II

As reported last month, many of our fellow officers were expecting bouncing bundles of joy. Apparently, the race for the Y2K baby was heated at WVAL. Well, here is the "tail of the tape" for our newest members of the WVAL family:

On Oct. 15, 1999, P-3 Tom Tenney (CAD Unit) welcomed Megan Eliza-

beth Tenney. This is Tom's third (and last) child. Congratulations, Tom.

On Oct. 22, 1999, P-2 Stephanie Shrout gave birth to Jacob Tyler Shrout. The future quarterback weighed in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Both are doing great. This is Stephanie's first child. Good job, partner!

On Nov. 9, 1999, P-3 Chris Crosby and his wife Tatiana welcomed Charles Rodney Kamakani Crosby into their lives. Charles weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He is their first child. Charles, Tatiana, and Chris are doing very well.

On Nov. 30, 1999, P-3 Jude Bella and his wife Krista became the proud parents of Joseph Brian Bella. "Little Joe" weighed in at 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Parents and child are doing great. Joseph is the Bellas' first child. Congratulations, Jude!

As of Dec. 6, 1999, P-2 Chad Hall was anxiously awaiting the birth of his first child. Chad's wife was at day 0 and expecting at any moment. Details on the Hall family's bundle of joy will be in next month's issue.

Congratulations from everyone at WVAL, to all of the new parents.

The West Valley Sports Page

Congratulations go out to WVAL weightlifters P-2 Dennis Mesa and P-1 Tom Luna. Both did very well in their respective age/weight categories during the latest LAPD Bench Press competition. Officer Luna competed in the Age 20-29, 132-1/4 to 148-1/2 lb. division, finishing in 1st place (270 lbs.). Officer Mesa competed in the Age 30-

39, 165-1/4 to 181-3/4 lb. division, finishing in 1st place (330 lbs.). Wow, guys! Great job!

As of this issue's deadline, our WVAL basketball team was in the midst of another competitive season. We will get the inside scoop on our hoopsters in next issue. Good luck, guys!

Softball season is around the corner. All of you aspiring ball players need to contact Officer Brown for more information. WVAL is the defending Red Davis champs. Let's go for RE-PEAT, folks.

All of you WVAL runners need to keep putting in the mileage. Baker to Vegas 2000 is coming fast. The WVAL team also needs support team members, so keep April open.

The Social Scene

Congratulations to Sgt. Sorkness, beloved supervisor of our Bicycle Unit. He was recently promoted to Sgt.-2. Needless to say, our Bike Unit was very distraught and had to throw a party in Sgt.-2 Sorkness's honor. Officers Chavez and Barnes (oh no!!) coordinated the event on Dec. 13, 1999. The guest of honor was bestowed kudos from members of his old unit, as well as many peers and future subordinates looking for future T/Os. Congratulations again, Sarge!

On Dec. 18, 1999, the annual WVAL holiday party was held at the Wood Ranch Country Club in Simi Valley. The WVAL Station Fund Committee staged another successful event. Entertaining us was Channel 4's weatherman, turned comedian, Fritz Coleman. The festivities went well into the evening. Check out next issue for more on

the last WVAL holiday party of the century.

Welcome Aboard!

Everyone at WVAL would like to welcome the following folks to our little piece of Heaven. Sgt. Stark (USD), Sgt. Khan (PER), Sgt. Kielbasa (WIL), Sgt. Kanchanamongkol (ND), Det.-2 Kaul (IAG), Det.-2 Kempner (LAB), P-2s McBride (NIN), Peters (HWD), Salcedo (VNYS), and Archer (WLA), and good luck to P-1s Boateng, Haro, Reuser, Santos, and Flores.

WVAL Goodbyes

WVAL is losing many good people. We wish them the best. Sgt.-2 Hees (Lt. at SW), Sgt. Archambault is back on his bike at CTD, Sgt. Azvanonda goes to Rampart, D-2 Robinson (RHD), and D-1 Dolan (NHWD). P-2s leaving us are V. Castro (D-1 at RAMP), P. Guillen (CENT), S. Leal (COMM), W. Cespedes (DEV), M. Hansen and L. Montero (WIL), T. Ward (WLA), M. Delgado (ND), T. Epperson (NHWD), M. Hernandez (TRD), C. Bulder (VB), and finally V. Degl'Innocenti (finally made the transfer to HWD).

The Last Word

All of us at WVAL have much to look forward to in the coming year. Our new contract, the possibility of a compressed work schedule (yeah, right!), and all the events that are being planned by our Station Fund Committee.

If you have anything noteworthy (work or personal) drop by a copy in my box in the Area Office.

Stay safe out there, and watch each other's back. This is 10A57 and I'm out.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



TRANSIT RAIL

by Officer Robert Peters
Transit Group

In Loving Memory . . .

There can be nothing more devastating in a parent's life than the loss of a child. On Wednesday, November 24th, Sgt. **Don Lawrence** and his wife, Evelyn, faced that terrible possibility when their son, Matthew, lapsed into a coma as the result of an acute asthma attack. Tragically, Matthew did not respond to treatment and he passed away at approximately 1400 hours on Tuesday, November 30th. Young Matthew Lawrence was 12 years old.

There are no words that I can write that will ease the pain felt by the Lawrences or make sense of the loss of an innocent child. I can only offer my own sympathy and assure the Lawrence family that every person here at Transit Group is thinking of them during this holiday season, and that our prayers are with them. Matthew is also survived by two sisters, Morgan (1) and Mauree (9).

We were also saddened to hear of the loss of Officer **Rich Zimmerman**'s mother. We hope that Rich and his family are doing well.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officer Rich Zimmerman and Sgt. Don Lawrence on the loss of their loved ones.

Y2K? What Y2K??

Another year has flown by and we are now in the last year of the twentieth century. Yeah, I know all about the Y2K and the "end of the millennium" garbage that we've been fed all through 1999, but check your school books, children, the new millennium doesn't start until January 2001! (Of course, all that means is that every stinkin' one of the next 12 glorious months will be chock full of more millennial madness. Oh joy.)

On a lighter note though, I seriously hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving/Christmas/Chanukah and that you all enjoyed a safe, sane and sober New Year's celebration. I know I did.

Oh, that's right, we're all police officers. We were all *WORKING* on New Year's Eve. Well, *you* were all working. Meanwhile, I was hiding in my survivalist stronghold deep in the San Bernardino Mountains, drinking purified

water, eating MREs and waiting for the world to end.

I'm better now, and my doctor says that with proper medication and heavy electroshock therapy my condition will continue to improve.

On to the news around our division...

Things around Transit Rail Division have been interesting of late. One of the grrreat things about our division is that we have the opportunity to work in several different divisions, and we are necessarily involved in planning any major event in this city due to the steadily growing use of the Red and Blue Lines to access those events.

During October, TRD officers were involved in the Halloween festivities in and around Hollywood Division. In November, and again in Hollywood, our finest were present for the Hollywood Christmas Parade. Now we are in the preparation stages for both Y2K and for next year's Democratic National Convention. We have a lot of good work ahead of us here.

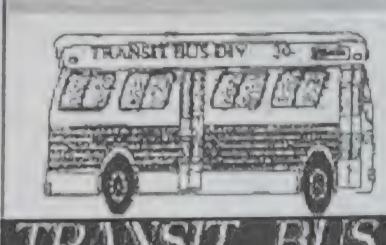
I Love the Smell of Paintball in the Morning . . . It Smells Like . . . Victory!!

Okay, so "victory" would be a little generous in describing the outcome of our little "Paintball War" with the LASD. In fact, it would be untrue. Because not only did we lose the war, some of us went so far as to join the other side. We won't mention any names, but we had a few people "killed" by members of our own team. (All right, I shot the guy . . . but I didn't know that he was on our team. It was an honest mistake! Let it go, already.)

The upside of our loss is that we fought bravely. In fact, many songs have been made in honor of the glorious "fallen" in our struggle against the oppression of the "Tan and Green Machine" of the LASD's paintball team. Many, many songs were written. In fact, mainly because so many of us fell so many times. I forgot what the final embarrassing tally was, but it was something like 7-0-1.

One of the more notable battles of this war was fought near the noon break, when Officer **Sam Shepard** and yours truly managed to account for nearly half of the LASD's team in body count due to our capture of a strategic location in the center of the field. Sam and I managed to hold the fort for quite some time before they managed to get our flag on that one. (Of course the only thing anyone else remembers about that battle is that I missed a clear shot at the guy running away with our flag . . . I get no love around here.)

Thanks to all those who played: Sam "Recon" Shepard, Kin "How-did-I-get-hit-again?" Wong, Erin Larsen,



TRANSIT BUS

by Lupita Alaniz
Transit Group

Happy New Year to you all! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. In all the hectic rush mine was wonderful. Especially during the after-Thanksgiving shopping specials. You know, when you enter a building to see masses of frenzied shoppers all seeking out that special little something for that someone special. Doesn't really matter what it is, so long as it was under \$20. I managed to convince a store manager to give me a stretched out, lipstick-stained, button-missing blouse for \$1 off the regular price because I knew it would come out in the wash. We really need to work on our next contract.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to proud fathers **Mark Hernandez** and **Ken Le Fever** on their new additions to the Transit Bus family. Mr. Conrad Michael Hernandez was born on Nov. 19, 1999, weighing in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21 inches long. Miss Lorraine Le Fever was born on Nov. 5, 1999, weighing in at 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and 23 inches long. Welcome to the TBD family.

Bus-ted

Another saga of "The Dumbest Criminals": Well, it all began on a clear and sunny afternoon. Myself, along with my partners, Officers **Nolan** and **Huff**, decided to go to the MTA Motor Yards to check things out. While there, we saw two guys walking through the

tunnels looking for a place to hit up (tag). We decided to code-5 them for a while. Finally, we saw both guys hit up and we arrest them. *No that's not the story!* We handcuff both the guys and continue our investigation. Out of nowhere we saw another guy coming our direction. We figure these guys are cuffed, our radios are visible, our badges are showing, and one partner is doing a code 10 on both suspects. This guy must know we're the police! NOT! He walked right up to my partner, Huff, and asked him, "Hey, you gonna do a piece?" (More of a fancy hit up.) Huff, appearing puzzled, stood there with a camera in his hand to take pictures of the damage, answered, "No, are you?" The guy answered, "No," but instead breaks out a spray can of paint and proceeds to write on the wall while we all stood there in disbelief. The guy never even noticed any of the obvious clues! Looks like our friend had been using spray cans for other uses. If only we had a video camera, we'd be \$10,000 richer.

Boarding Newcomers

Welcome P-2 Officers **H. Jaramillo**, **P. Aluotto**, **A. Belderian**, **R. Keshishi**, **D. Kuipers**, **S. Ramos**, **F. Taglieri**, **R. Rivera**, **E. Olivares**, **J. Heller** and **J. Bernal**. We hope you enjoy the ride here.

Existing Bus Division

Where there's hellos, there's goodbyes. We'd like to wish the best of luck to P-2 Officers **P. Hopkins** and **S. Hwang**. CTD is lucky to have you. Goodbye to Officer **P. Rodriguez**. Hollenbeck is just around the corner so I'm sure we'll run into you . . . literally (you know, you're like a magnet). Good luck Officer **M. Garcia**. BE SAFE.

In parting, welcome to the new millennium and remember to recommit yourself to safety. GOOD LUCK.

"Chi-Chi" **Ochoa**, **Dave** "I'm-not-really-here" **Dubois** (from CIA), and me, **Rob** "next-time-hit-it-with-your-purse" **Peters** dressed up and offended nearly everyone as we drove, chipped and potted while walking, sweating and swearing.

We finished a respectable 24th place overall (out of 24 teams), so I guess my game didn't hurt us all that much. Our team *did* win several competitions though. Dave "The Secret Squirrel" Dubois hit the long drive at 310 yards, and one of the two "closest to the pin" awards. John Downey also hit one close to the flag for an award. Tony and I were tied for the "player most in need of a machete" award due to all of our time spent in thick brush searching for lost golf balls. Can't win 'em all.

I just hope that next year they change the rules. I have no idea why one member of the team has to wear a dress. And why did it have to be me? Why is everyone laughing?

Closing Comments

Well, that about wraps it up for the *Dirty 30* this month. I hope that you've enjoyed this month's edition. If you enjoyed reading it half as much as I did writing it. Well, then I guess I had twice as much fun as you did.

Until next month, be safe, use good tactics, and practice your shooting. See ya' soon, cause for now, that's all there is . . .

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by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

Welcome to the new millennium. Goodbye to the old. It's hard to believe it is the year 2000. I can remember when the movie "Space Odyssey 2001" was a futuristic movie about a time far into the future when there would be men in space. I blinked and now it's 2000, and men have been in space. Where will this millennium take us, considering how far mankind has come in just the past 100 years?

It was just another day in Newton Division, when on 11/10/99, a four-year-old boy walked away from his 86-year-old babysitter, who couldn't remember anything, i.e., parents' names, phone number, place of employment, child's name or what he was wearing. Thanks to enterprising Newton officers, the child was found within the hour. Later the same day, a disturbed female jumped through her front room window, cutting herself. She walked to the fire station at 34 Central Ave., but became enraged when they didn't help her fast enough. Next, the woman walked across the street to Newton Station. She entered the lobby

and hit a citizen with a stick, prompting Desk Officer **Albert Avolos** to jump over the counter and subdue her while saying, "Please don't resist." Unfortunately, Avolos re-injured his already bad back.

Then on 11/17/99, Officers **Robert McCarty** and **John Seffel** received a found property call at 62nd and Broadway. Upon arrival, a citizen gave the officers an "urn" with the remains of "Uncle Willie" that he had found. With a little help from Officer **Jaye**, they found Uncle Willie's full name and DOB on the urn. A DMV check gave them an address around the corner from their location. Uncle Willie's remains were returned to his nephew who had placed him in his vehicle while cleaning up his house to sell. He didn't even know Uncle Willie had been stolen till the officers returned him.

And, only in Newton Division can a suspect become a victim. A lady of the evening offered her services for \$20. The suspect, who only had a \$50, accepted but wanted change. The victim took the money, failed to perform her service, and attempted to flee with the \$50. The suspect chased her, knocked her down, and extracted the services he wanted. He then took back his \$50. Fortunately for the victim, two security officers were patrolling the area, filmed the incident and took the suspect into custody. Despite the reluctance of the victim, the videotape of her and the suspect was damaging evidence, and the DA filed four counts against the suspect.

Congratulations to **Mark** and **Erin Aceves** on the birth of their second daughter, Molly Elizabeth, born November 18, 1999. Now big sister, Emma, has a playmate. And, congratulations to **Joe** and **Bertha Esquivel** on the birth of their son, Nicolas Andrew, born November 26, 1999. He also has a big sister, Jasmine.

On January 1, 2000, after 30 years of service, **Policewoman Prudence D. Wright**, #14945, retired. Her retirement plans are to sleep for a month and

the police academy for three months to become field certified. She will be greatly missed by both the division and the community she has served for so many years. **Sgt. Al Gomez**, #15278, of Newton Community Relations, also is



Policewoman Prudence Wright #14945, Appt. 2/24/1969 — Ret. 1/1/2000.



D-3 William "Randy" Baird #20009, Appt. 3/19/1973 — Ret. 1/15/2000.

then enjoy her family. Pru, who has long been the "hub" of Newton Community Relations, joined the Department on 2/24/69 as a Policewoman and was assigned to Harbor Women's Jail before coming to Newton Division in February, 1972. In 1983 she returned to

supposed to retire January 1, 2000, but as of this article is thinking of changing his mind again. Oh well.

And, Det. 3 **William "Randy" Baird**, #20009, is retiring January 15, 2000. Randy joined the Department 3/19/73. His retirement party will be a barbecue in March in conjunction with another long-time Newton detective. Call Newton Homicide, Det. 2 **Kellie Baitz** for more info at 323-846-6556.

Newton's next reunion is Friday, October 13, 2000.

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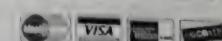
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Winning With West Traffic



by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

Happy New Year! I'm writing this in early December. We are either celebrating jubilantly or civilization as we know it has been completely wiped out! Assuming the former, the year 2000 should be a great and pivotal year for our Department and especially our League. Let's stand behind President Ted Hunt as MOU negotiations begin. Maybe we can get parity with the Sheriffs.

The Christmas Party was an outstanding success. It was held at the beautiful Universal Sheraton Hotel. There were lots of food and fun for everyone. The suave Sal Jaramillo emceed the event. Many of our recent retirees returned to join in the merriment. Congratulations to Richard Hernandez for winning the grand prize, a 25-inch color television!

Congratulations to Daryl Reems and his wife. On November 13, 1999, little

sion) for his promotion to lieutenant. He'll be running the show at South Traffic. Congratulations to Officer Ponce for her promotion to sergeant. She'll try to keep "Shootin' Newton" (my alma mater) calmed down.

Can you believe it? West Traffic wrote over 9,200 citations in the month of October! The streets on the West side are certainly safe!

We like to welcome Sgt. O. C. Smith from Foothill, Officers Martin Barocio and Jefferey Fischer both from Central Traffic, Martin Duncan from Harbor, Kelley Clemons from South Traffic, and finally Jennifer Jedynak from Valley Traffic. Seems like quite a few officers are transferring over from other traffic divisions.



Gabby and Rigo Bonilla.



Jorge & Claudia Torres and Elana & Peter Acosta.



Evelyn & John Stafford and "J" & Joe Buscaino at the Christmas party.

baby Lauren Taylor Reems came into this world. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. Another CI officer in the making!

No surprise here . . . Joanne Anthony, for all her hard work with our reserves, has been named Officer of the Third Quarter! Joanne has made the West Traffic Reserves the best in the department.

Congratulations to Al Zardeneta (known for his warmth and compas-

so long to Tony Euyoque who is bestowing his knowledge of Spanish to our young recruits (Manos Arriba!).

Now let's listen to some deep thoughts from the venerable Phil Okamoto. When you're writing a citation, what do you write for color of hair when the violator is bald?? Thank you, oh enlightened one, for sharing that deep thought with us.

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by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

In-Outs & Ups

Now that the holidays are over, let's see who Santa Claus brought to us. Oh look, there are our two new lieutenants. From CAG comes Lt. T. Ward, and from IAG arrives Lt. J. McNamara. In exchange we lost Lts. M. Moriarty to VB and M. Albanese to 77th Division.

Also gone are Det. T. Izen to IAG, P-3 F. Ospina to BAD, and P-2s A. Rodriguez to 77th Div., S. Hoffman to HOBK, B. Distor to RAMP, K. Cook to STD, T. Kranke to SW, T. Dobrosky to VNY, B. Thompson to VTD, and N. Peters to WVAL.

Taking their spots are P-2s S. Hartwell (FTHL), N. Stang (HARB), T. Russell (HOBK), I. Ford (NHWD), T. Wholean (NHD), B. Heany (SW), A. Degroeve (VNY), K. Pritchett (VNY), J. Stranaman (WLA), V. Deglinoventi (WLA). From the academy came P-1s M. Depasquale and J. Richardson.

Recently promoted and staying are P-3s J. Camay and R. Evans.

Birth

Born on Nov. 2, 1999, to John G. and Stephanie Valdez is their early Christmas blessing, a bouncing baby boy named Nicholas Beau Valdez. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21 inches in length.

Hospitalized

Sgt. Art Holmes is recovering from minor surgery on his neck. He is awaiting the big surgery on his spine, which will take place on Dec. 3. He is still paralyzed from the chest down. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Benefit Scheduled

Officer Jeff Beck is organizing a fund-raiser for February to assist Sgt. Holmes during his time of need. Besides our prayers and flowers, this fund-raiser can touch the other material necessities. He is scheduling a "Paint Ball Games" event to show our dedication towards our fellow officers. The entire department is invited to join in this worthy cause.

Detectives Honored

On Nov. 16, Lt. II Mark Savalla, Det. III Randy Elzinga, and Det. III Art Placencia accepted a certificate of commendation from the city of Los Angeles presented to Hollywood Area for its leadership in the fight against elder abuse. The program was formed a year ago to help create a community-based multidisciplinary team for consultation on elders at risk. This elder abuse fighting team meets every two months and makes the

greater Hollywood Area a very undesirable place for criminals who seek to abuse seniors.

Councilmember Jackie Goldberg recognized the efforts of the Los Angeles Police Department Hollywood Area to the safety of seniors in our community, for their dedication that is "above and beyond the call of duty" in helping to further the goal of making our city a better place in which to live.

Who is He Today?

Can you guess who's photo this is? Hint: This 11-year-old person is a Det. III today.



Patrol Officer Honored

Officer Grogan is a 7-1/2 year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. He has been a field training officer for 1-1/2 years and has served the Hollywood community as such for the past nine months. Officer Grogan is a dedicated professional who is loyal to his department and the community he serves. His dedication is evident in whatever task he undertakes. Officer Grogan's knowledge and skills make him a sought-after partner. He is a respected peer leader whose ideas in any tactical situation are accepted without question. Officer Grogan displays a quiet, yet commanding leadership style that allows him to deal very effectively with citizens and criminals alike.

Officer Grogan is a member of the Hollywood Area Training Cadre and is often relied upon to train not only probationary officers, but peer officers and supervisors as well. Officer Grogan has received numerous citizen commendations throughout his career. Other officers and citizens alike have commented on the benevolence that he displays while interacting with community members.

Officer Grogan's "watch-worth" can be best judged by his capacity to lead, his outstanding uniform appearance, and his steadfast dedication to the department's goal and the safety of the community that he serves. Therefore, it is with great pride that the Hollywood Operations Area Patrol select Officer Grogan as their Officer of the Third Quarter 1999.

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USD Uniformed Support Division

by Vance Bjorklund
Uniformed Support Division

We apologize for missing last month's issue, but our News Editor, Officer **Dollie Swanson** is recovering from a broken collarbone she sustained at Arrest and Control School last October. She's healing slowly at home while chasing around her daughter Cassie who has celebrated her first birthday. In our last article we congratulated **Donna Tuk** for her promotion to Police Officer II (after 10 years), we apologize Donna, the salutation should have read Police Officer III. And congratulations are in order for Officer **Rebecca Benitez** for her promotion to Police Officer III in October. Remember, Becky, more responsibility now.

Welcome New Employees

The Traffic Support Unit welcomed two new Police Officer II Research Writers. Officer **Lisa Halkovich** will be taking over the responsibilities of Vehicle Pursuit Coordinator, as well as the Traffic Analytical Detail's traffic statistical position. Officer **Patrick Roman** will be assigned as a backup to the DUI Cost Recovery Program, and will be involved with the Volunteer Crossing Guard Program and the Photo Red Light Project. Police Officer II **Gary Crump** came to us from Community Affairs Group and has joined the Special Events Planning Unit (SEPU), while Police Officer II **Sean Parker** shifted gears from Rampart Area to our Emergency Preparedness Unit (EPU). Police Officer IIs **John Gidowski** and **John Owens** joined the Incident Command Post Unit (ICPU) to be a "good buddy" as they truck around the city. Welcome all newcomers to the world of supporting the uniformed officer, we appreciate your expertise.

Congratulations

EPU's Officer **Randie Martinez** and husband, Metropolitan Officer **Larry Martinez**, celebrated a new addition to the family on October 13th, as Dean Ryan entered the world. Baby is doing fine, mom and dad are a little frazzled. Congratulations! Management Assistant I **Gracela Bui** returns as Capt. **Kroeber**'s adjutant after her seven-month absence to care for her newborn boy, Garren. We missed her much and welcome her back.

Chaplain **Steve Hillmann** from SEU assisted Employee Assistance Unit (EAU) personnel with training for the Reserve Chaplain Corps. Nearly 40 chaplains from LAPD and various Southland agencies attended. Chaplain Hillmann taught a three-hour block on disaster response and the chaplain's involvement.

Uniformed Support Division Officer Named "Sportsman of the Year"

On November 19, 1999, Officer **Douglas Wilson** of the Bicycle Coordination Unit received the Sportsman of the Year Award from the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC) at a ceremony held at the Elysian Park Police Academy.

With this award, LAPRAAC recognizes athletic excellence, dignity, leadership, professionalism and superior dedication. An avid bicyclist, Officer Wilson competed in the California Police Summer Games in Pasadena on June 20-26. He earned four gold medals and one silver medal during the events. On July 16-24, 1999, he traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, to participate in the World Police and Fire Games, where he won one silver medal and one bronze medal for his cycling excellence. Of the 12,000 athletes from 62 countries, 120 participated in the cycling events. We congratulate Officer Wilson for his dedication as an athlete and his outstanding achievement.

More Training

Officers **Paul Cain** and **Nelly Nava** of the Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit (HM/ECU) have successfully completed the technician portion of the Hazardous Materials Technician/Specialists' program. Sgt. **Lisa Turvey**, the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Unit's Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Sgt. **Mike Delgadillo**, the unit's assistant OIC, and the retired DRE-OIC, **Thomas Page**, responded to a request for training from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Department Operations Center Unit Officers **Debra Esparza** and **Chris Watson** attended Terrorism Awareness and Operations training this month, which was sponsored by the County's Terrorism Working Group. Emergency Operations Section personnel were instrumental in developing this curriculum and participated as instructors. This training was a beta test for the curriculum, which will be finalized and made available to the Department and all agencies with field responsibilities.

You may recognize Sgts. **Ron Spicer** and **Sergio Sais** at your Mobile Field Force 2000 training course each and every month when they present the Incident Command System block of training.

Specialized Collision Investigation Detail Officers **Bob Hinshaw**, **Dan Kemble**, **Kurt Smith** and **Toni Wolfe**

conducted a 40-hour POST-approved Basic Collision Investigation School. Eighteen students attended and passed the course, which was held at the Lake Street Training Facility. The class consisted of ten traffic personnel, six patrol personnel, and two employees from Transit Rail Division. If you are interested in traffic collision expertise, contact your divisional training coordinator.

Traffic Support Unit Officer **Chuck Massar** conducted a 40-hour POST-approved Radar Operator Instructor School for November. A total of 21 students attended and passed the school. Again, contact your divisional training coordinator for attendance.

On November 19, 1999, USD personnel participated in the annual formal uniform inspection, which was held at the Frank Hotchkiss Memorial Training Center in Elysian Park. Deputy Chief **Pomeroy** and Comm. **Leap** conducted the inspection for USD and Labor Relations Section. Prior to the inspection, USD personnel met for division, section and unit photos. On display was the vehicle outfitted for use by the Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit, the *newly developed* Chevrolet Tahoe Bureau command vehicle, the prototype black and white Area command vehicle and Mobile 5. Deputy Chief Pomeroy gave a verbal commendation to the motor officers of the Specialized Enforcement Unit for their outstanding appearance. Sharpest Motor Officers in the Department, of course!

Early Gifts for Bicycle Officers

On November 17 and 18, 1999, Bicycle Coordination Unit Officers **Bruce**

Christensen, **Donna Tuk** and **Doug Wilson** had the opportunity to play Santa Claus to over 200 bicycle patrol officers from throughout the Department when newly delivered safety equipment was made available. Similar to the safety equipment required for motor officers, bicycle helmets, gloves and glasses are mandated safety items for bicycle patrol officers. Since the inception of the Bicycle Patrol Detail in 1970, bicycle officers have been required to purchase their own equipment. A grant received from the Environmental Affairs Department has made it possible for the Department to make this purchase and make this first-time distribution to its officers.

Tahoe Trip? Not the City

ICPU Officers **Bill Young** and **Wayne Carson** deployed the new Tahoe command vehicle at the Public Safety Exposition held at the LAFD Hotchkiss Reserve Center and displayed the new state-of-the-art vehicle to new Police and Fire Department candidates. Officers Carson and **Greg Owens** also responded to West Los Angeles and Wilshire Blvd. for an environmental demonstration. The new command Tahoe and the sound truck were deployed and used as the incident command post.

Keep On Truckin'

Military Property Acquisition Team (MPAT) Officer **Felipe Yanez** and Sgt. **Ted Reyland** obtained a Kenworth tractor/sleeper that has been turned over to Motor Transport Division. Who will acquire the new rig? Only the motor lord knows.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

Well we're back online this month with lots of information to update yourself with Narcotics Division. Last month we had a Baker to Vegas fund-raiser for the Narcotic Division Station Fund. Due to the overwhelming support it was a very successful cookout. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the preparation, cooking and support that helped the station fund have a successful cookout. Hopefully there will be a few more cookouts before Baker to Vegas. Look forward to your continued support.

Dr. Chronic vs. Detective Okamoto

During the month of October, Det. **Okamoto**, assigned to the Newton Squad, received a narcotics compliant of blatant marijuana sales in the area of 47th Place and Broadway. After receiving the complaint, Det. Okamoto took specific aim at ending the drug dealers' reign in the area. The information advised that marijuana and "Chronic" were being sold to anyone in front of the residence. During the investigation, Det. Okamoto used the resources of the Central Bureau Buy-Team to purchase narcotics from several different suspects dealing from the location. After numerous hours of surveillance and dead buys, Det. Okamoto put together his case and presented the case to a judge, who signed the multi-2 search warrant and three Ramey Warrants for the arrest of three suspects who sold narcotics to undercover officers. At the time of the search warrant service, Det. Okamoto retained the services of the Newton Area CLEAR Team and a Los Angeles County Probation Officer. Upon completing the warrant service,

six suspects were arrested for sales of marijuana. Several ounces of marijuana, several hundred dollars of U.S. currency, three handguns, and one rifle were recovered from the suspects and residence. Due to the tenacity of Det. Okamoto, the blatant narcotics sales in the area were shut down and the family put out of the drug business. All the suspects arrested had lengthy arrest records for several types of narcotics violations and three were on felony probation for narcotic violations. After all the hard work, Det. Okamoto put out of business a very profitable marijuana business.

Baker to Vegas

If you're not aware, April 16th and 17th will be the weekend of Baker to Vegas. That's just around the corner and soon we will be looking for persons assigned to narcotics division to run and work on the support team. If you have never volunteered for the Baker to Vegas Relay, then this year should be your first. We could have all the runners in the world, but if we do not have a support team it is very difficult to be competitive. Anyone interested in volunteering their time please contact **J. R. Rodriguez** in Electronics or **Dan Sullivan** at Major Violators Section Airport Squad.

Narco Happenings

For all the veterans of narcotics in the early 1970s, earlier this month a well-respected and well-liked retired D-III **Paul Kearny** ("PK") passed away on November 21, 1999 from pancreatic cancer. "PK" worked narcotics most of his career and retired in 1991. "PK" was an icon in narcotics and one of the first squad members assigned to the 9Y75 units. A case that "PK" was involved with put LAPD Narcotics on the map and brought a lot of recognition to Narcotics Division. It was also the first multi kilo case for LAPD. Five hundred plus kilos were netted during the investigation. Our condolences go to the family.

The last few months there have been a number of promotions to D-II and D-III so a belated congratulations. If I had more space I would post the names. I apologize for not keeping up with Narcotics Division news, but I've got the keyboard rolling again. ♦

Service is our middle name

M.S.D. Notes

by Roger Deranian
Management Services Division

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Management Services Division. After a tad over two years of existence, most people have stopped giving us puzzled looks when we say we're from MSD. We're moving into the mainstream by starting the millennium with our own tidbits for the *Blue Line*. Although most folks know MSD exists, many don't re-

publication date for the millennium manual.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our carne asada luncheon fund-raiser held at the Police Administration Building (PAB) in December. We served approximately 225 meals and had to close about thirty minutes early because we ran out of food as a result of the tremendous response. This was our second such fund-raiser in 1999 and we plan to have more in 2000. We again look forward to the same great support. The primary reason for the success of our luncheon events is Chef Art Gomez of the Manuals and Orders Unit. Art is an expert at these things. He comes from a family that has owned a meat market in Los Angeles for many years and he has organized similar events throughout his career with the Department.



ally know what we do. In the coming months, in addition to talking about the various doings of our division and personnel, we will talk about what the various sections and units do.

Just how mainstream are we? Others wrote about fielding teams in the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Mud Run at the Pitchess Honor Ranch back in September. Well, we had a team there also, led by our division captain and a couple of lieutenants (now that's a tough division!). The team members were Capt. **Michel Moore**, Lts. **Joe Hiltner** and **John Sherman**, Sgts. **Jim Gavin**, **John McMahon**, **Dwayne Hayakawa** (who made lieutenant shortly afterward), **Dave Watson**, **Brian Raffish**, and Officer **Mike Flynn**. Our team was wearing custom-made black T-shirts (symbolizing typewriter ribbon), and yes, they finished the run! Of course, they were tracking mud into Parker Center and into 207 S. Broadway for a week after the run. Anyway, we were all proud of them.

Additional congratulations to Sgt. **Brian Raffish** of our Evaluation Unit, and to his wife, Julie, a Deputy City Attorney, on the birth of their second child, Corina Brooke, born November 5th. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well.

We are also pretty proud of the Manual and Orders (M&O) Unit for the publication of the 1999 Department Manual. Their efforts also resulted in substantial publication cost savings that will facilitate publication of a 2000 manual. According to Sgt. John McMahon they are looking into the feasibility of including a CD-ROM with the manual which employees can use on their home PCs for study and easy reference. The Manuals and Orders Unit is shooting for a March or April

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by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

Welcome to a new year here at Southeast Area. It's time to reflect on the accomplishments of 1999 not only for the division but also for ourselves. This



Sgt. Nunez and Sgt. Jones getting up close and personal.

year a lot of events were accomplished that had not been able to be planned in the past years. For example, our annual picnic, awards luncheon and our annual holiday party went off without any problems and a lot of success. Let's not forget the crime reduction accomplishments, new additions, community contacts, promotions and all of our other accomplishments. We should also remember our injured officers, lost loved ones and those officers that transferred out. Let's especially not forget it's also tax time for 1999.

On behalf of all the Southeast employees, we hope everyone had a worthwhile and rewarding holiday season.

Southeast Happenings

The Southeast Millennium Party took place on Friday, December 3, 1999, at the San Pedro Sheraton Hotel. It was one of those events where you had to be present to get the real joke of it. The performer was "Lady Hypnotist" who not only hypnotized the volunteers but also some of the audience members. I will not specify any names, but Sgt. Nuñez (AKA grumpy Santa, flowers, belly button, talking chair and so on) put on a good show and doesn't even remember it. Sgt. Gallegos got bitten by her chair, SLO Chavez got spit on by his tie, Sgt. Jones is getting a new wife, and Pat Marcinko (wife of Glen Marcinko) now needs a new Barbie doll. The bulk of the planning is credited to Officer Bart Landsman. The other members of the planning committee were Sgt. Doolittle, Officer Lim, Officer Sandoz, PSR Harper, Officer White, Sgt. Hamilton, and Al Labrada. The officers that attended appeared to have a good time, and for the most part everything went without a glitch.

A job well done for the Southeast FASTRAC car worked by Officers Walt McMahon, Ralph Lara, Ben Perez and Sam Marullo. These officers have been targeting high crime areas in Southeast, which are tracked as a result of FASTRAC. On December 1, 1999, these officers received informa-

tion of a night clerk selling stolen stereos out of a local gas station window. The officers established a location to conduct surveillance of the location. The officers observed a clerk and vehicle matching the description given by the informant. Officers, while conducting the surveillance, observed two suspects drive in and attempt to sell car stereos. The officers detained the suspects and determined that the stereos were stolen and the clerk was about to purchase them. The officers quickly and extensively interviewed the suspects and obtained roll-over statements from each one of them. Officers recovered items from the clerk's vehicle that he admitted as being stolen. Then not wanting to end it with just this evidence, they obtained consent to search his residence when they located numerous other stolen items. He not only confessed to numerous acts of receiving stolen property, the two other suspects also confessed to having stolen the items.



Officer Ben Zucker's little bundle of expenses.

While in the course of this investigation a fourth suspect approached the gas station and attempted to sell more stolen goods. The new clerk, which had been called in to replace the arrestee, immediately called the station and advised that another suspect was trying to sell more stolen items. Officers quickly responded and detained the suspect. She not only confessed to having burglarized a vehicle, she also gave several statements indicating she had sold stolen items in the past to this clerk. After a 132 item property report and 16 hours of OT, the officers received a TO and a pat on the back. This was a great seizure for Southeast of stolen items: 1 RSP and 3 BFMV suspects. These officers did an excellent job not only on this day but continue to do so on a daily basis. Great job!

Not to be outdone by only the above actions, on December 5, 1999, Officers Ben Perez and Officer Sam Marullo were on patrol in the Southeast Area. They observed a known gang member carrying a handgun near a residential area. The officers made contact with the individual who felt a need to threaten the officers with a gun. An OIS took place without any injury to the officers and the suspect was booked. Good job!

On December 7, 1999, Officers Vicki Lim and Jarden Hitanukulkit confronted a BFMV suspect who refused to go without a fight. The officers struggled with the suspect receiving some injuries, the suspect attempted to take out one of the officers and an OIS occurred. The suspect was not booked. Officers Lim and Hitanukulkit were not seriously injured and are back at work.

Just in time for the holidays are a lot of new additions to the Southeast family. Officer Ryan Moreno became the proud father of a new baby boy, Nolan Anthony Moreno was born October 12, 1999, at 0200 hours, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. Det. I Robert Shin became the proud new father of a new baby boy,



This is what Southeast sergeants do for fun!

Daniel Shin was born on December 2, 1999, at 0730 hours, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces, at 20 inches in length. Mom and baby are fine. Dad is recovering. Finally, Officer Ben Zucker became a dad on November 2, 1999, of an 8 pound, 6 ounce, 21 inch long baby boy named Trevor Joseph Zucker. The parents and the babies are all doing fine. Congratulations again on the new births.

Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to the newest P-III's: Jonathan Zamora, Charles Garcia, Mike Owens and Shawn Duke. We would like to welcome into Southeast the following employees: Sgt. Williamson, Sgt. Brietigam, Sgt. Cummings, Det.-I A. Zibili, P-II C. Bodell (HOBK), P-II P. McCoy (PAC), P-II J. Thompson (PAC), P-II D. Day (WIL), P-II J. Dunn (WIL), P-I V. Gamboa (TD), and P-I L. Maya (TD).

Farewell to Sgt. Marty Weston (IAD), D-II D. Torres (NE), P-II M. Fernandez (CEN), P-II L. O'Brien (CEN), P-II R. Nguyen (RAMP), P-II M. Prestler (RAMP), and P-II R. River (TBD). Good luck to all of you.

Southeast Area 1999 Awards Luncheon

On November 17, 1999, Southeast Area held its much anticipated awards luncheon. We recently celebrated our 20-

east, which included some of the original officers that were at Southeast over 20 years ago when the first roll call was held. Southeast Area Commanding Officer, Capt. R. Bonneau and Capt. C. Beck made the presentations. The event was a huge success and quickly reminded all of us of the high quality of officers that are assigned here to Southeast Area. The presentations were to honor those officers, supervisors, and employees that displayed that commitment above and beyond their normal duties for 1999. The awards were given to the following personnel: Supervisor of the Year, Sgt.-II Mitch Lambdin; Officer of the Year, Officer Floro Pinzon; Detective of the Year, P-III Paul Scire and P-III Lyle Barnes; Detective Supervisor of the Year, D-III Candy Delgado; Civilian of the Year, Cheryl Harper; Reserves of the Year, Father Raphael Marin and Sharon Abbott; Volunteer of the Year, Shirley Brown; Top Gun Recovery (10 or more guns recovered one-year period), Officers Darren Upstill, Patrick Flaherty, Jaime Chacon, Charles Garcia, Katherine Mayer, Robert Lee, James Lewis, Frank Hale, Ryan Moreno, Raymond Puettman, Gary Rico, Patrick Wu, Christian Mrakich, Juan Gonzales, Sean Malachi, Norma Vargas; Southeast Narcotics Group Field Enforcement Section, D-III Ray Gomez, D-II David Parra, D-II Keith Thomas,



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year anniversary and due to other commitments were unable to organize and hold a formal celebration. The idea was brought forward by Officer D. Wells, assigned to Day Watch, and with the efforts of Officers J. Sandoz, Susan Pulley, Sylvia Moreno, Shelley Gallegos and Mike Fernandez this event grew to a huge success. In attendance were over 300 current and past employees of South-

D-II Robert Hernandez, D-I Joseph Harris, D-I Andrew Smith, P-II Trevor Larsen, P-II Carter Fenstemacher, P-II Anthony Fletcher, P-II Marlin Hill, P-II Nancy Amoroso, P-II Robert Tijerina, P-II John Aspaugh.

As we go into the new we prepare our team for the upcoming Baker to Vegas run. More about the run in next month's issue. Be safe!

More Divisional Reporter on next page

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by CTD
Central Traffic Division

The Ins and Outs of CTD

Incoming. Last deployment period, five motor officers, and two motor sergeants were assigned to CTD: Sgt. **Widder** (#16749) is back after spending a short time at South Traffic. Sgt. **Archambault** (#21847) came to CTD from Lake Street Training Unit. Officers **M. Cronin** (#31102), **A. Kuckowicz** (#31465), **A. Stewart** (#31465), **W. McDonald** (#26889), **E. Rogers** (#30637), **H. Colebrooke** (#30313).

This deployment period, Lt. **L. Swanson** will be returning to CTD after spending time at OCB and South Traffic. **M. Garcia**, #31984, **D. Veliz**, #33757, **B. Covington**, #34678, **P. Hopkins**, #34097, **S. Hwang**, #33854. Welcome aboard.

Leaving CTD on Last Transfer

Officers **M. Boyd** (#26720), West Traffic; **A. Adolphi** (#32426), CB CRASH; **S. Rodriguez** (#24292), Communications; **Le Bolef** (30107), VTD.

Leaving CTD on This Transfer

Lt. **R. Foster** is leaving CTD for a Lt. 2 spot at DSD. **J. Martinez**, #32879, made P-3 and will be going to Newton Division. **J. Fischer**, #30762, and **W. Barocio**, #32049, are leaving for West Traffic.

Our own **Amy Sunquist** has been promoted to P-3. Amy will stay at CTD and continue to do the outstanding job she has done at the CTD Training Unit.

Sports Awards

Congratulations to Sgt. **R. Rinker** and his shooting team for being awarded the LAPD shooting team of the decade.

Retiring

Sgt. **Ted Severns** is retiring after 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Dept. Ted gave up his motor sergeant spot in 1996 and was promoted to Sgt. 2. Before retiring, Ted ran the CTD training unit. Good luck on your retirement, Ted. We're going to miss you.

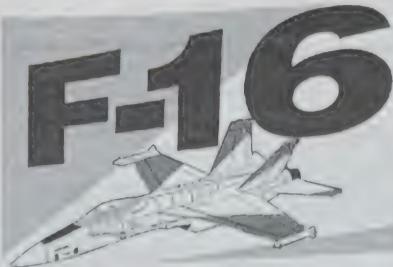
Something You Should Know

As stated in the last issue, L.A. County has the highest number of pedestrian traffic collisions. This is due to drivers not paying attention to pedestrians in marked and unmarked crosswalks. Many of the drivers are talking on cell phones, reading, talking to their passengers and a variety of other distracting things.

Drivers are not always at fault. Pedestrians are just as much at fault as drivers by crossing outside the crosswalks, jaywalking and walking against the don't walk sign. 21456(B) VC, 21954 (A) VC, and 21955 VC are three sections of the Vehicle Code those pedestrians violate that result in "A" and "K" injuries.

Citations are supposed to educate violators, drivers as well as pedestrians. Maybe a few dollars out of their pockets will educate them and we'll start off the new millennium with no "A" and "K" injuries.

We at CTD would like to wish everyone happy holidays.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On September 9, 1999, at 1645 hours, Officers **P-3 Mudgett**, #30486, and **P-2 Michael Bunker**, #35195, working uniform patrol, were in the area of Tel-fair Avenue and Desmond Street monitoring the narcotic activity. The officers received information about series of robberies, which occurred in the Sylmar area. This suspect was a transient in appearance and displayed the symptoms of a heavy narcotics abuser to all the victims. The suspect utilized a handgun in the commission of all the robberies. As such, the officers came upon a suspect who matches the description, the officers tactically deployed on the suspect and took him into custody. The officers conduct a follow-up to the station, and compiled a six-pack photographic lineup. The officers admonished the victim, who positively identified the suspect as the perpetrator of the robberies. With the positive identification of the suspect, Foothill Detectives link the suspect to at least five additional robberies.

The officers are commended for attention to duty, knowledge of their area, work ethic, tactical acumen and exceptional report writing skills.

Congratulations

Officer **Jody McGee** for his new son, Justin Lee McGee, Nov. 20, 1999, 0730 hours, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, 19.5 inches.

Officer **Brandon Puree** for his new son, 11/22/99, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, 20.5 inches.

Officer **Hayley Smith** is recovering at home and doing great.

Promotions

Well we are saying goodbye to an outstanding officer, **Craig Orange**, #32207, who deserved as well-earned P-3 to Pacific Division. Officer Orange worked Foothill area CRASH Unit, where he became one of the area experts in all 22 gangs and knowing all the members. Officer Orange also worked

the area-unsolvable homicide unit. This unit was involved in solving over 20 prior murders and arresting all the suspects involved. Officer Orange has outstanding detective investigation skills and works great with all entities both within and out of the police department. We will all miss his outstanding working skills and his friendship. Take care, Craig. "Vaya con Dios."

Detectives

I'd like to talk about this detective that I've known for about ten years. A little history about her is she was raised in Los Angeles. She helped raise her younger brothers and sisters while her mother went to work. When she graduated from high school, she furthered her education and went to George Town University on a scholarship. She ran for the varsity cross country team and was one of the basketball trainers. She graduated with a master's degree and moved back to Los Angeles and joined the police department. I first met her when she was asked to work the area SPU/Narcotic Unit called RECON. With her education and knowledge we were one of the highest productive units in the department between 1987 to 1990. We arrested over 2,500 narcotic offenders for possession or possession for sales of narcotics; the conviction rate was 98%. On occasion we would be involved in foot pursuits in the housing projects and with her running ability she always ran the suspects down. In 1990 she was promoted to P-3 area Vice unit, where she helped organize all the task forces. She was given an unsolved sexual abuse case, which involved 20 juvenile female victims. She was able to track down all the victims and locate the suspects involved. She was able to file multiple counts on three adults and they were convicted for the same crimes. This detective moved onto the Academy training unit to teach Spanish to the recruits for two years. At this time she passed her detective exam and became a Detective 1 at Asset Forfeiture. After several years she transferred to Devonshire Div. for about two years. Last year we were fortunate to have her promoted to a D-2 in this division; she brought a lot of expertise and experience. This Detective is **Teresa "CHI CHI" Roble**, her nickname from when we all worked Foothill Area Vice unit. Det. Roble, #25168, has a positive attitude, proactive and helpful to everyone around her. Thanks for coming back to Foothill.

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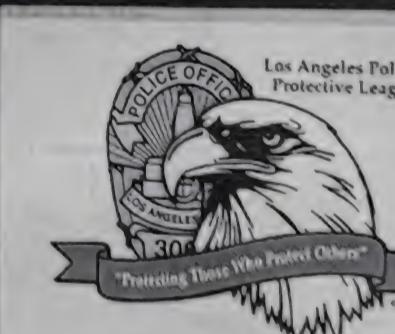
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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Recap 1999

Every December I like to "recap" the events of the year past. Here are a few of the more memorable happenings: Officers **Joy Smith** and **Anthony Bates** captured a homicide suspect through good old fashioned police work, our barbecues deemed to be successful fund-raisers for the station fund, Oklahomans showed their compassion for **Brian Brown's** family and friends with a special presentation, Officer **John Smith** went above and beyond the call of duty by assisting a 94-year-old man unable to care for himself, **Marilyn Greenfield** celebrated 49 years with the city, WTD finally went, a wanted robbery suspect calls the police for assistance . . . oops!, a large task force helped to capture a violent rapist who terrorized the west side communities, a certain someone was missing their cover for the divisional inspection . . . but didn't miss the food, the Reserves helped out lots of officers by covering for them when needing a day off . . . thanks!, the Explorers took third in the Colorado River Competition, the toughest **DAPS** alive are here in Pacific. Pacific volunteers were commended for their service and dedication, Sgt. **Dave Nichols** retired after 34 years, we kicked butt in the Police Summer Games, the Discovery Channel ran a documentary filmed in Pacific Area, P.T. instructors from the RTC assisted Sgt. **Lopez** in a vehicle foot pursuit, Detectives thought they beat Patrol in a bowl-a-thon, the annual golf tournament put on by the Boosters was an awesome success, Officer **Study** saved a life on a freeway, our Open House and Community Clean-up proved to bring the police and community together, the "Halloween Haunt" was the most successful ever, . . . with almost 1,000 people venturing through, the clown robbing from the



Jay Leno raises the plaque presented to him at our Holiday Party (from Pacific Area) for all the support he shows the LAPD throughout the year.

Leno Madness

Our annual holiday party was held on December 3rd at the Holiday Inn Select in Beverly Hills, and was one of the best ever! It started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the foyer, then to a buffet dinner in the ballroom. Our entertainment guest, Jay Leno, arrived early and joined us for dinner, then non-stop photos. He is awfully patient! We had some "prize" giveaways, then on came Mike Marino, who opened for Jay, and was quite funny. Jay entertained us for about 45 minutes, then Capt. **Gary Williams** presented him with a plaque to thank him. The thanks though were for not only joining us for our holiday extravaganza, but for all the support he



Theresa Skinner is all smiles as she shows off her winnings from the Holiday Party

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shows to the LAPD throughout the year. Jay had some special words to say to us, along with a special blessing to Brian Brown's family. After Jay departed, we finished off the giveaways, including the \$500 grand prize, which was won by beach officer **Theresa Skinner**. Congrats!! From there it was dancing "till midnight with music from

Movin' In

We welcome Det. Ornelas in from HARB and Officer Hoffman in from WB.

Movin' Out

The following people have left Pacific Area for bigger and better things: Sgt. **Ross** went to NHWD, Sgt. **Cum-**



Pacific Area Station Fund Committee (L to R): Wayne Goodman, Michelle Eskridge, Judith Gorum, Cheri Roberts, Mary Kite and Howard Mathews. (Not pictured: Donavan Beezer and Raynay Arnold.)

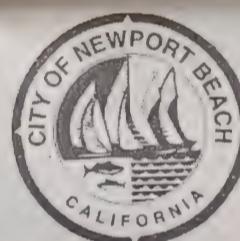
D.J. "Gemini" who had just the right tunes, at just the right times! Due to the huge turnout, we had to have three additional tables set in order to seat everybody, but with a quick setup, it didn't appear to be a problem, and everyone was happy. All in all the evening turned out great! I would like to add a special thanks to Officer **Wayne Goodman** who (along with Officers **Donavan Beezer** and **Howard Mathews**) collected all the give-away prizes. They worked very hard and did a great job! In addition, thanks to everyone on the Station Fund Committee who worked so hard to make this event a success!

nings went to SE, Det. **Villanueva** went to CID, Officer **Guttila** went to DEV, Officer **Connolly** headed to NEWT, McCoy and Thompson went to SE, Owen went to STD, Bates, Gregory, and Ortega went to SW, Jarillo, Ramos and Taglieri went to TBD, and Ferreira and Ryan went to VNYS. Take care!

Movin' Up

Congratulations to the following people who were recently promoted: John Cudworth made sergeant and went to VNYS, Fanning in NEWT, and Detra Kelly made Sr. Clerk and went to R&I.

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Overflow Crowd Witnesses Last Sports Awards Dinner of the Millennium

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

They came to party like it was 1999... and like the Energizer bunny they kept on coming, and coming and coming. The Elysian Park Academy Gym burst at the seams Friday night, November 19, when the Department's finest athletes were feted at the 46th annual Sports Awards Dinner.

First held in 1954, back in the days when Elysian Park was a quiet residential area known as Chavez Ravine and Walter O'Malley was a happy Brooklynite, the Revolver Club's annual tribute to the Department's best athletes also took a look back at the last hundred years of LAPD history. The gym was adorned along the west wall with displays provided by the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, including pictures, badges and uniforms.

Highlight of the dinner was an appearance by world renown author, Sgt. Joseph Wambaugh (ret.), who took the train up from San Diego to give a moving tribute to one of his early mentors, the legendary Red Davis. Prior to presenting the Red Davis Award to slo-pitch champion West Valley, Wambaugh recalled the pride and commitment Davis had for being a cop, and for participating in law enforcement athletics. "Perhaps if we had that same commitment today," he said, "we wouldn't be seeing so much that's in the newspapers."

LAPRAAC President, Mike Sayre, opened the evening by reflecting upon the last hundred years of LAPD history and urging everyone to look forward to a promising future, "with more opportunities, bigger and better achievements, and solidifying our position as provider of the best law enforcement athletic program in the world."

Following presentation of colors by the LAPD Color Guard, the audience was treated to an exquisite rendition of the national anthem by Wilshire Division Officer Rosalind Iiams. Chief Bernard Parks stopped by en route to the Fight for Life Boxing Program at the Olympic Auditorium to offer his congratulations to the evening's honorees.

Joining the festivities were Los Angeles City Councilmen Nick Pacheco and Alex Padilla, and celebrities from the world of martial arts: Benny "the Jet" Urquidez (world kickboxing champion) and William "Blinky" and Lily Rodriguez (martial arts champions and community anti-gang activists). The audience was put in the proper mood by Comedian Vinnie Favorito, winner of the 1998 San Francisco Comedy Competition and veteran of numerous clubs and cable TV comedy shows. Making a very impressive first appearance as Master of Ceremonies was one of LAPD's own, Senior Detention Officer Mike Ellington.

Dinner Committee Chair Estevan Estrada and his committee of Tony Adler, Debbie Chamberlain, Barbara Ginn and Jeanne Schwab, engineered a fitting sendoff to the 20th century. And work has begun on welcoming the 21st century, with the 47th annual Sports Awards Dinner tentatively penciled-in for December 1, 2000.

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AS ATHLETES AND SPORTSPERSONS

Intra-Departmental Basketball

Winner of the Capt. Al Nelson Tournament, defeating one of LAPD's dynasties to become department basketball champions, DARE (coached by Kenny Lew). First place in the "A" League and department champion the previous five years, Parker Center (Eric Moore). Danny Roberts Tournament champion for a record fifth straight year, Metro Division (Ed Mahaffey). First place in the "B" League, Van Nuys (Milt Hernandez). Undefeated in Group 2 of the "C" League and winner of the Sterling Gordon Tournament, Narcotics Group (John McKnight). First place in Group 1 of the "C" League, Hollywood (Mike Ruiz). First place in Group 3 of the "C" League, South Bureau Homicide (Roosevelt Joseph). Winner of the Women's Three-on-Three Tournament, Internal Affairs Group (Brenda Crump).

Intra-Departmental Slo-Pitch

Bringing the Red Davis Trophy back to Valley Bureau, first place in the Valley League for the third straight year, department slo-pitch champions, West Valley (coached by Paul Sciarrillo). Tied for first in the Central League was last year's champion, Rampart (Todd Cataldi) and Northeast #1 (Ken Hillman). Winner of the South League pennant, Southeast (Bart Landsman).

Intra-Departmental Bench Press

The longest-running LAPD dynasty, for the eighth consecutive time snout over hooves above all others, 77th Street (coached by Paul von Lutzow).

Intra-Departmental Golf

A new sport this year was dominated in every-other month tournaments by Northeast (coached by Perry Barnes).

Intra-Departmental Flag Football

Winner of the spring tournament, a precursor to 1999-2000 intra-departmental competition, Southeast (coached by Darrin Upstill).

Capt. Al Nelson Intra-Departmental Athlete of the Year

A stellar performer and born leader, DARE's Sterling Gordon, Jr. played with a broken bone (risking permanent injury) to lead his team to an upset victory over Parker Center to capture the Captain Al Nelson Tournament for the LAPD basketball championship.

While on probation he helped Van Nuys win the Red Davis Tournament in 1997. Two years later, but a little farther west, he did it again. Playing a variety of positions and hitting .750 to lead West Valley to the Department slo-pitch title, Roy Brown.

A two-decade participant in Department softball, Ray Lombardo pitched every game for slo-pitch champion West Valley, losing only once all year. Not too bad for someone coming back from a horrendous knee injury that almost ended his career.

Intra-Departmental Coach of the Year

Until he took over the program at DARE no one even dreamed about defeating perennial basketball powerhouse Parker Center. Kenny Lew's skill, strategy, and ability to motivate paid off with an upset victory to win the LAPD basketball championship.

In three years of coaching, his teams have won three league pennants and gone undefeated twice in league play. This year they went all the way to win the Red Davis Tournament. Hard work and dedication have made Paul Sciarrillo the driving force behind West Valley's softball success.

LAPRAAC Trophy

While they may not be the best team, they play together as a team the best. The Metro Division Basketball Team (coached by Ed Mahaffey) has won the Bill Ellis Tournament five straight years. Their exemplary teamwork, camaraderie and desire to win against all odds is legendary.

Chief's Award

Despite illness and injury, the LAPD Women's Basketball Team (coached by Brenda Crump) brought home a silver medal from the California Police Games, then followed it up with a gold from the Nevada Games. Team members were also instrumental in organizing the first-ever intra-departmental league play in their sport.

Baker to Vegas Team Trophy

Well over two hundred teams set out from Baker... and for the fourth straight year an LAPD team came in first. Facing stiff competition, the highly dedicated runners representing Metro Division (coached by Toy Beard) crossed the finish line ahead of everyone else for their second consecutive victory. Finishing third in the Mixed Division was Hollywood (Jim Mateer). Third in the Invitational Division was Anti-Terrorist Division (Ruben Holguin). Third in the 800 Division for older runners was Air Support/Training Division (Renee Montoya). And third in the Station Division was Wilshire (Miguel Lopez).

Kenny Taniguchi Citizen of the Year

Bert's Motor Sports was the first business to pledge support to the LAPD Motocross Team, even before it participated in its first race! Sales Manager Dave Hubert has gone out of his way to ensure the team has the best equipment, uniforms and supplies available at the most minimal of costs.

Upon learning that LAPD's Soccer team had few supplies for its program, David Hauptman sprang into action. Not only is the team now fully equipped, but David has also established a youth soccer program at 77th Street that is directly responsible for keeping at-risk kids out of local gangs.

Bill Stein Award (for service, dedication and support of LAPRAAC)

To be blunt, there would be no Baker to Vegas Relay without Janet and Ray

Best of the Good Samaritans Motor Club. By coordinating all those wonderful volunteers at the checkpoints and elsewhere, they help bring sanity to the weekend's events. Without them, the Baker to Vegas Relay would be just a bunch of crazy cops wandering lost through the desert.

Brass Award

Capt. Charlie Beck leads by example... not only by promoting athletics over the last two decades from his deck, but also astride a motorcycle. His is the reigning National Police and Fire Motocross champion in the "vintage" class and a double silver medalist at the California Summer Games.

Senior Athlete of the Year

When your order is tall and your time frame is small, Mike Kilpatrick is the guy to go to. Winner of four gold medals at the California Games, he also exhibited true sportsmanship by sacrificing the lead in a race to assist an injured racer. This deed did not go unrewarded as he was able to scramble back and take the lead just before the finish line.

Winner of five gold medals at the North American Police Ski Championships, Rick Conrado also brought home two gold and one silver from the California Games. In addition to competing, the assistant coach of the Ski Team spends time working with children from the Special Olympics.

Daryl F. Gates Master Athlete of the Year

Nicknamed "Psycho" by his teammates, Robert Diaz led Central Division to its first softball league pennant in over a decade. At age 46 he can play with the youngest of them, as witnessed by the fact that both the teams he played on at the California Summer Games went undefeated.

Grand Master Athlete of the Year

Many guys in their fifties won't even get on a motorcycle, much less race one. Vic Curti brought home three gold and one silver medal from the California Summer Games, better than any of his younger counterparts, and is a regular fixture at the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals.

"Jurassic" Joe Clary joined the department just after World War II and is rumored to have a two digit serial number. He is the oldest competitor in police shooting events at the young age of 81! Member of the Trap and Skeet Team since 1978, he has amassed more medals than a South American dictator.

Bob Burke All Sports Trophy

Perpetual winner Metro Division personifies the spirit of this award. First place in the Danny Roberts basketball tourney (five straight years), first place at Baker to Vegas (second straight year), winner of the Memorial Relay for the umpteenth time (along with the perpetual trophy with over 30 teams entered). If there's an LAPD sports event,

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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow

We're going to break with the usual LAPRAAC Sports Roundup format and start the new millennium by celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Sports Beat section's appearance in *The Thin Blue Line*. Similar to our initial appearance some 120 issues ago, we'll start off with an introduction, talk about what we've done, and what we want to continue doing, at least for as long as they'll let us do it.

To start off, let me re-introduce myself. The last ten years yours truly has been proud to serve as Sports Beat editor. Since the early 1970s I've been involved with law enforcement publications, starting off with a ten-year stint as managing editor of the *Star News*, the monthly magazine published by the Sheriffs' Relief Association. While with the tan and gold I had the opportunity to edit and produce a history of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department that was published in 1981 (back in the days of Sheriff Pete Pitchess).

In 1982 I was "convinced" by LAPRAAC Operations Officer and future LAPD running legend Chuck Foote (along with his cohort, Athletic Director Larry Moore) to change allegiances and help produce a similar book for them. Two years later we produced the LAPD Commemorative Book which, at its time, was the most successful private sale book ever printed by Taylor Publishing in Texas. I was proud to play the role of editor, co-author, designer, and sometime photographer, and get the opportunity to work with scores of very talented LAPD individuals and other contributors who helped make Chuck's dream a reality.

It was about this time Chuck had the idea of a sports section in this publication, *The Thin Blue Line*, which as we all

known is the monthly newspaper of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. It took a few years of lobbying both organizations (LAPRAAC and the League) until this other dream of Chuck's became reality in late 1989.

So... now you know a little about the man behind the byline. The reason for no picture? Can't do justice to the one we used ten years ago.

The original concept was a monthly column of 300 to 400 words that would give a brief synopsis of what was happening in LAPD athletics. From the "outside" it looked to be a breeze... I mean, what kind of athletic program could a police department have? A tremendously great one, it turned out, and one that continues to grow leaps and bounds every year. Over the last decade we have written about events as mundane as basketball, as explosive (in participation) as bench press, as grueling as the TCA (Toughest Cop Alive), and as heart-wrenching as the Memorial Run. And it seems no matter what other agencies try, nor how hard they try, year after year the Los Angeles Police Department retains and expands its reputation for the best law enforcement athletics program in the world.

Our object in presenting the Sports Beat section each and every month is to help publicize that fact. We do it by trying to present as much information as we can within the space provided in this newspaper by our very gracious host, the Protective League, and the folks who foot the bill for my honoraria, the Revolver Club.

We would like the opportunity to do a much better job of reporting the news to you and providing a vehicle to instill additional pride in being a Los Angeles Police Officer. Despite all the stuff we read in the newspapers, the fact remains that this department has gathered the finest men and women in the world to help

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The only way we can do our job better is by enlisting your continued and renewed support in submitting articles and photographs for inclusion in these pages. While some of our contributors, like Rick Bennett (pistol), Jimmy Trahan (trap and skeet) and Mike Braun (skiing), can be counted upon to be there like clockwork, year after year, there are sports and events out there that do not get covered because we do not get the information.

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Now thru February	Intra-Departmental Basketball Season
February TBD	Intra-Departmental Basketball Tournaments
February TBD	Intra-Departmental Golf Tournament
Sat. & Sun., April 15-16	Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay
April thru June	Intra-Departmental Slo-Pitch Season
Saturday, May 6	Memorial Relay (Ed Davis Facility in Granada Hills)
Friday, May 13	Spring Bench Press Contest (Elysian Park Academy Gym)
June TBD	Red Davis Slo-Pitch Tournament
Sun., June 25 - Sat., July 1	California Police/Fire Games (San Bernardino)
October thru November	Intra-Departmental Flag Football Season
Friday, November 3	Fall Bench Press Contest (Elysian Park Academy Gym)
November TBD	Intra-Departmental Flag Football Tournament
Friday, December 1	47th Sports Awards Dinner (Elysian Park Academy Gym)

For up-to-date information on schedule changes, call the Sports Beat Information Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800, or contact Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

Hollywood's "Cardiac Kids" Win LAPD Flag Football Tourney

by Mike Seguin

Dedicating their play and championship to one of their own who could not be there, Hollywood Division took home the LAPD Flag Football title on Sunday, December 5. (Members of the team dedicated the tournament to Sgt. Art Holmes, who was paralyzed from the chest down following involvement in a traffic accident.)

Hollywood's squad earned the moniker "Cardiac Kids" after coming from behind to win all three games and finishing the post-season tournament undefeated. In the first game 77th jumped on top in just the second play from scrimmage. Led by quarterback Ken Plunkett, however, the Cardiac Kids came back with a touchdown of their own to tie the game. It was a seesaw battle until the final two minutes when Plunkett, anchored by wide receivers Mike Rimkus and Craig Allen, drove down the field to score the tying touchdown. Going for the two-pointer Plunkett dropped back to pass and pressured by a tremendous rush threw a strike to the high-jumping Allen to give Hollywood a 30-28 victory.

The second game in which the Cardiac Kids squared off against undefeated Southwest was even more dramatic than the first. Southwest jumped all over Hollywood and before anyone could realize it the score was 20-6 at the half. After regrouping, Hollywood's defense came out and dominated the second half, holding Southwest scoreless for the rest of the game. The Cardiac Kids took the game into overtime and then scored on the first play when Plunkett hit Derrick Prude on a quick slant for a two-pointer. With the pressure on Hollywood's defense held up to the task when Mike Rimkus stepped in front

of a Southwest pass to end the game and guarantee a 22-20 victory.

Unable to bounce back from the crushing OT loss, Southwest lost its next game to a scrappy squad from Football (whom they had trounced 42-0 the day before). This set up the championship game pitting Foothill against Hollywood.

The Cardiac Kids jumped all over the Valley Boyz, scoring twice with long touchdown passes from Plunkett to Dan Fernandez to open up a 16-0 lead. Foothill, playing its third game in two days, was not yet ready to lay down and cry "Uncle." After a Hollywood interception on the Foothill goal line, the Vals responded on the next play by sacking Plunkett for a safety. Foothill ran back the ensuing punt 80 yards to make the score 16-10 (Hollywood) at the half.

The second half was just as tough with Foothill clawing its way back to take the lead by one point with only 54 seconds left in the game. Once again the Cardiac Kids sprung into action. Plunkett engineered a drive that led Hollywood to mid-field. After a pass interference call, Hollywood was left with one last chance. Plunkett, scrambling out of the pocket, on the dead run threw a strike to Mike Rimkus (who had to out-jump three Foothill defenders). When the dust settled it was all Hollywood, 28-23.

I would like to acknowledge Ken Plunkett, Craig Allen, Mike Rimkus, Doug Humphrey, Doug Winger, Hector Diaz, Dan Gonzalez, Mike Carl, Eliezer Morales, Mariano Gandy, Marty Tenison, Dan Fernandez, Derrick Prude, Nate Baez and Melvin Campos for their participation in bringing the trophy to Wilcox Avenue. As team captain I'd also like to thank all of the Hollywood supervisors who let our squad have the time off to play.

Sports Award Dinner

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you can be guaranteed Capt. Rodger Coombs will have a busload and his competitors will finish in, at, or near the top.

Intra-Departmental Coach of the Decade

While at Rampart his teams won five straight bench press competitions. Not content to rest upon his laurels upon transfer to 77th Street, Paul von Lutzow whipped his fellow officers into grunting, snorting frenzy. 77th Street's Power Pigs have dominated the competition ever since. Von Lutzow's teams have won 13 of the last 13 events . . . a record unmatched in any LAPD sport!

LAPD Teams of the Decade

In five of the last eight years, and the last three straight, LAPD's Police Pistol Teams have won the national and world championship. Team #1 (led by team captain Estevan Estrada) and Team #2 (Rick Bennett) are the reason LAPD continues its decades-long reputation for having the best police pistol shooters around.

The LAPD Trap and Skeet Team (led by team captain Arlene Hennessey) brings home so many medals they have to rent a 40-foot semi every time they compete. There's no boundaries with this team as octogenarians compete alongside shooters old enough to be their great-grandchildren.

They participate in a difficult sport, having to use three different weapons and scope changing targets while constantly on the move. In the one shooting sport where teamwork is as important as accuracy, the LAPD Action Shooting Team (led by team captain Bill Parmelee) recently won its third world championship.

Hall of Fame Inductee

Named Athlete of the Decade in 1990 for his participation in hundreds of police and amateur distance running events, Jim Murphy includes numerous LAPD Athlete of the Year plaques in his trophy case as well as the Chief's Award and the Stein Award. He also participated in LAPRAAC's World Record L.A. to Montreal Relay in 1976.

Nancy Dyer Sportsman of the Year

A competitor for nearly three decades in cycling events, Doug Wilson's knowledge and zeal have led to a five-fold increase in cycling participants at the California Summer Games. A multiple medal winner at the state and world games, Doug's spirit has helped him develop the next generation of cycling competitors.

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(See photo coverage by Richard Parmelee on page 32.)



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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

LAPD/FMF Motocross Team Rules
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That's right, the previously unknown sport of Police Motocross has stepped to the top spot on the podium and set a standard for department teams to aspire to. Captain Beck of SOE won the Brass Award which is awarded to the captain or above that gives the best support to department sports or accomplishes the



Ryan throws a stylish shout out to his homies on the ground crew.

most as a participant in department sports. Captain Beck's father (retired Deputy Chief Beck) watched from the audience and reminisced about when he won the Brass Award, but recalled a much less ceremonious presentation back in the day. Another retiree, Victor Curti won the Grand Master Athlete Award for an innumerable amount of victorious track flattenings. I got the spelling *dunce* award when I submitted Vic's name with the wrong spelling and LAPRAAC had to keep the award for a few days to fix it. Mike Kilpatrick won the Senior Athlete award for a season full of podium pictures, trophy girl kissing, and roasting us not-so-fast guys on his way to the checkers. Last, but not least, Dave Hubert (brother to an OCB CRASH guy) of Bert's Motor-sports, won the citizens award for all of his help with the team.

Well, that wraps up the awards, and now on to the rewards. Our huge success this year has landed us the kind of deals that guys race ten years to get. We will all be riding bikes modified to fly by EMF, and we will be wearing Troy Lee Designs racewear for the 2000 season, capped off with Bell Helmets, painted by J&B Grafix. Other deals are in the works for the team but are not finalized yet. Some of the individual riders received great racing deals for themselves like yours truly who will be sporting Spyeyes goggles and sunglasses (go figure ... an ATD spook wearing "Spy Eyes"). All of these great

LAPRAAC Golf Results

None of the divisions was able to field a full team at the year-end LAPRAAC Golf Club Tournament, held Friday, December 3rd, at California Country Club in Whittier. A number of individual golfers, however, did participate in the event and spent a day of camaraderie whacking little white balls around the roughs and greens.

West Traffic's Sal Jaramillo took home a prize for best low net and low gross of the day. Sal shot a 78 which, less his handicap, netted a 50. Kerri Brown (Hollywood) won a prize for closest to the pin and longest drive. Also bringing home prizes for closest to the pin were Anthony Ochoa and John Downey from Transit Bus Division.

For date and location of the next bi-monthly golf tournament, which should take place in February, contact Jaramillo at (310) 342-3177 or Perry Barnes, NE, at (213) 485-2563.



sponsors make it a lot easier for us dirt-hungry speed freaks to get more race time in as well as get our families out riding and racing more often, so we are eternally grateful to them all.

There were no Police MX events lately so here are some results from a few of our guys kickin' tail in the regular world of racing. Capt. Beck and Vic Curti raced in the Vintage Iron World Championships on Halloween against 400 racers from all over the world including heroes from the past like Rex Staten and Billy Grossi. Beck placed third in the pre-1970 expert class and fifth in the 500cc expert class. Curti got third in the 50 years + expert class.

Vintage racing is where lunatics that don't care much about having more



Ryan Basaker (left) and Rob Cosner (right) duke it out for bragging rights at a Lake Elsinore practice session.

children race the old 2 inches of suspension dirt saws from the '60s and '70s on modern, high flying, brutal tracks. Vintage is becoming a hot ticket all over the globe, and we are proud to have two of the best in the world on our team. Stay tuned for a report on Officer Rob Plourde's amazing year in competition and an update on Sgt. Bill Duke's conquests in the desert which will be featured in the next article (I need more space).

As always, we invite all of you to come riding with us or drop any of us a line for information about the sport, or to get the scoop on what stuff makes you faster and safer. We are still planning an LAPD riding day at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino on Thursday, January 27, 2000, so leave your softballs in the closet and come twist a throttle with us!

LAPD Strings Show Strength at Police/Fire Tennis Tournament

by Edmund Russell

The 8th Annual California Police/Fire Championships was held October 21-24, at the beautiful La Quinta Resort and Racquet Club in the Palm Springs area. The Strings were well represented and players fared well in the heat of the sun, with temperatures rising slightly over 100 degrees. Several different categories from Novice to Open caliber were offered. Three age group categories were also held during these championships.

Bruce Barrios made the most of his new home, living in a prestigious tennis complex, by making it to the championship round in the Masters Singles category. A close match to the end, Barrios was not able to pull out the win in the finals. The match came down to one service break in each set, both breaks coming at crucial times. Barrios played well throughout the tournament and will be grooming his strokes and game to return next year to take the championship trophy home with him and wife, Lorraine.

In other categories: Steve Gottschalk won the Novice Singles and was a finalist in doubles with partner Daniel DeValle.

Shawn Beale teamed with Brett Nichols and won Novice Doubles. Shawn also finished third in Novice Singles. Edmund Russell came away as the champion in the Men's Open Singles and was the finalist in the Open Mixed Doubles category with Shari Biggs. Larry Bradfield (ret.) was the finalist in the Grandmaster Doubles.

On the women's side of the draw, several players came away with the hardware. Susan Calderon was a finalist in both Women's Singles and Doubles. Hillary Colvin and Donna Cox finished third and fourth, respectively, in Women's Singles.

A tennis tournament for all LAPD officers is currently in the planning stages, but no dates have been determined at this time. Next tournament for the Strings will be the Arizona Police Games, to be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, during the first week of April.

The Strings are always looking for new players of all levels. If you are interested in playing with the Strings, please contact Lt. Tim Moss at West Valley Patrol (818-756-8543) or Sgt. Edmund Russell at DNCPG (323-493-5433). ♦

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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



Central Division Drunk Wagon

by Dale Rickards, #3593

Central Division's old drunk wagon should share a lot of old memories out of that recess in our head called a brain. I'm sorry I don't recall the unit number. But let's go back further when it was pulled by a team of horses. I don't support there is any old cop still alive that goes back that far.

But LAPD still has that old jail wagon. Many present policemen must not even realize it is stored at the Central garage, or at least it was there the last I heard. Since it was due to my effort to get that ol' relic back to where it belongs—LAPD. Now the rest of the story.

In the late 1960s I was assigned to Foothill and working the Hansen Dam Horse Detail and had been since 1952. My partners were John O'Brian and Bob Bruggeman with Lyle Kilpatrick as a back-up plus six mounted reserves.

The four of us had started a youth club who owned their own horses. We called them the "Foothill Troopers." They wore early horse cavalry uniforms and rode the McClellan Cavalry Saddles. Since I was an OLD, ex-horse cavalryman, I taught them cavalry drill and monkey drill, which is a pyramid building on horseback. Which was an old cavalry maneuver that we did for parades and horse shows. It was quite spectacular at horse shows seeing those kids riding two-high on horses and parading the colors. It was a crowd pleaser.

I had received a telephone call about an old jail wagon, for sale, in Calabasas. After much effort I found an old relic with a burnt body, but the wheels were still good.

And what a story I was told on the history of the old relic. The studios had purchased it from the city many years ago. It then sat in the studio bone yard until around 1937 or 1938. A picture called "San Francisco" was made, starring Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy. It was restored and used in that picture. The scene is the wagon and a team of horses going code 3 during the earthquake. Apparently there was another scene of it burning, but it must have been cut. That was the condition of the wagon when I found it. The body was

burnt, but the wheels were good. I've seen the picture twice—it's there.

The man that owned it wanted \$500. That was quite a chunk of money at that time. Well our Foothill Troopers had money in their kitty. We managed to get it for \$300. The Mounted Detail plus the Mounted Reserves were restored. Now for a couple of giggles for this saga. Kilpatrick was a black motor officer and a good painter. We were working way into the night and Kilpatrick was doing the painting. I hollered for him to hurry it up, it's 3:00 in the morning. When he crawled out from the wagon and real seriously stated to me, "Dale, it's dark as hell under there, I'm black, the paint is black. If Chief Davis isn't satisfied with the paint job, tell him to stick it in his ear!"

Kilpatrick was also a horse shoer and shod all of our horses. One day he was shoeing O'Brian's horse while John was in his house working on something or other. Kilpatrick had finished shoeing John's horse and got his money. He told John that his horse didn't act like he felt good. They walked back to the corral. The horse was dead. John wanted his money back. Lyle stated he was alive when I shod him. That episode was good for one hell of a lot of laughs.

Chief Davis was having a run of bad press and called me to arrange the presentation of the paddy wagon to the city. Damn, I felt important—the Chief phoning me at home and requesting a favor. Me, an ol' horse cop. If someone knocked a hole in my head there would be nothing but horse manure flying out!

O'Brian borrowed a team of horses and had the wagon in a couple of parades. Now the sad part of this saga. The mounted detail was stopped, the Foothill Troopers and the Mounted Reserves rode into oblivion—O'Brian is end of watch. Half of our reserves are dead. The Foothill Troopers are all grown with families. The paddy wagon is sitting "somewhere" gathering cobwebs.

I sometimes wonder about the "thinking" of the top studs in this city. Here was a unit chock full of public relations with full cooperation of the surrounding community. A community chock full of all the ethnic groups and they were represented in these units. Well, so be it. Bad memories can rot your soil. At least that ol' paddy wagon is still with the LAPD from now until eternity! "I hope."

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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd A. Yandle

Honoring My Wife, Beverly

I hope all of you will bear with me and read this article. I know all of the members of Inland Blue Line who know Beverly will be interested. Most all of the members know that Beverly has been battling leukemia, diabetes, and high blood pressure. She loved to come to the luncheons and only missed when she was either in the hospital or too sick to attend. Many times she would come when she could hardly walk. She is a real trooper. Many times I would have to take her home after the meeting and she would immediately have to go to bed, but she would put up a pretty good front. That was her style.

I met Beverly in July, 1940. I was barking in a carnival show and saw her and a girlfriend walking down the Midway. I told several of the carnies who were working the Midway, "Here comes the girl I'm going to marry." They asked, "Do you know her?" I replied, "No, but I will soon," and jumped into my booth and started my bally-hoo. Since most games of chance at carnivals are rigged, I let her win five huge teddy bears. The next day she came out to the carnival again and after a strong sales pitch I got a date. Six months later we were married (Feb. 16, 1941). At the time, Beverly held the title of "Miss Oregon." Look magazine had seven colored pages in the April 1941 issue. Howard Hughes saw the article and offered her a seven-year contract. We moved to California. No one but our immediate family knew we were married. So I had to play the boyfriend role in public. She was known in the movie industry as "Beverly Loyd." The war came and interrupted our marriage. I came home on boot leave and left for the South Pacific after a 30-day leave. I came home three years later to my lovely wife and my three-year-old daughter. We picked up where we left off.

Beverly continued making movies and modeling. She held the title of being California's top model, having some 17 different billboards on the highway all over the country at one time.

I started the police academy in March, 1949. Our second child was born in 1952. In 1956, after finishing a picture for Hal Roach Studios, she was called into the director's office. He tried to force his intentions on Beverly and she laid him out with an Oscar sitting on his desk. She walked out leaving him out cold on the floor. She told his secretary, "I think your boss needs you. He's lying on the floor and bleeding." Well, that ended her movie career. She was fed up and went back to modeling full time, both fashion and photographic. She continued until my retirement in 1973. She is a super lady and has been my wife, my lover, my friend, and my partner for 58-1/2 years. She is a very lovable and

caring person. Oh!, we have had our ups and downs as most marriages have had, but we never went to bed mad. She is a very affectionate person.

On November 10th the doctor detected an irregular heartbeat on Beverly and sent her to see a local heart specialist. He suggested all the X-ray and exams, special blood tests, echo gram, treadmill and angiogram. After viewing the results of the angiogram, he showed me where all veins around her heart were 90% blocked. He said the heart showed no damage but suggested a by-pass be done immediately. He told us Beverly could suffer a heart attack at any time. He was surprised that she had not had a heart attack already. We talked it over and he told us a heart specialist at St. Bernadines Hospital in San Bernardino had agreed to do the by-pass personally.

She was transferred from Hemet Hospital to St. Bernadines by ambulance and had the quadruple by-pass done on November 18th. The doctor told me it was the easiest by-pass he had ever done. He said Beverly was an excellent candidate and that she would be fine.

Beverly improved rapidly and was talking and eating good. I talked to her at 8:30 on 11/22/99 and told her I was on my way down to see her, intending to arrive about 10:30 a.m. She told me that they informed her she was leaving ICU and going to the ward for rehabilitation. The hospital called me at 11:15 a.m. on 11/22/99 and informed me Beverly had suffered a major stroke and that her whole right side was affected, including her speech. She has been in a semi-coma state since, and only responds when she hears my voice. They tell me she will most likely be in ICU for a month to six weeks. The medicine she is getting to reduce the swelling in the brain is causing her blood sugar to skyrocket and her leukemia had doubled the white blood count. So at this time I am just hoping and praying things will work out and some time down the long road I can bring her home.

She made me promise before the stroke that I wouldn't neglect the club that she loves so well. And I will honor her wishes. So if you get a chance, just say a prayer for a lovely, heart-warming, sweet lady who doesn't deserve all of this.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2000, at the Anchor Restaurant, 2524 Florida Ave., Hemet, Calif. Tariff is still \$10 per person including tax and tip. Come and join us if you get out our way. We'd love to see you. So thanks for listening to my story. But as you can guess, I am a little fond of that little gal. I have had her for 58-1/2 years, and God-willing I'll have her for many more.

God bless, be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there. Oh!, by the way, you can reach me for reservations at 909-925-4491.

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A warm, friendly greeting to the LAPD family from all of us Fuzz Folks residing on the Central Coast. As I had to write this piece in December, 1999, I can only hope that the world did not fly apart at the turning of the century mark and the Y2K media madness did not amount to much. If I am wrong, then I would imagine that you won't have much time devoted to reading Blue Line articles. Anyway, I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a safe, super New Year's Eve.

I am sure all of us made our usual new year resolutions that somehow seem to get broken as we deal with the many trials and tribulations over the next months. However, I always hope that at least a few of them stick. My priorities are to spend more time with family and friends, stay healthy, travel and keep active with some community service. Oh yeah, tennis, softball and golf are inserted in there somewhere too.

The Fuzz Gang met at the Madonna Inn, in San Luis Obispo for our annual Christmas Party. Thanks to the planning and fund-raising efforts of our valiant leaders, Brian & Cathy Galbraith, Tom & Dorie Zwinger, and Sam & Paulette Lopez, the event was reasonably priced and a total success. What a crew! Stay tuned for more details on the Fuzz members, next month.

Gone and Forgotten

Recently, my son, Duane Aikins, who is working B Platoons at Metro Division, was going through the ser-

geant's selection process. For the benefit of us retired LAPD dinosaurs, in addition to the written examination and the interview, there is now a separate personnel package review conducted by two captains with the candidate present. While browsing through Duane's package, one of the captains asked him if his father had been on the department, and he, of course, replied that I was. The captain then asked if Duane knew that some of his father's rating reports and POST Certificates were filed among the really neat stuff that Duane had accumulated. Duane, who had reviewed his divisional package only, replied that he was unaware of the father/son mix-up. I laughed and told him that I hoped that all of that stuff from the department's Jurassic era would not be a serious detriment to his career goals. I was thinking that it would be neat if the folks at Personnel Division would put some of his accomplishments on my package, but alas, I understand that it is now filed somewhere in the basement of the city archives under obsolete and forgotten.

Hey, that's OK because when you are on a team all of us have to pass that baton some time during the race or continue running and fall flat on our face. As you know, retirement can open up some wonderful opportunities, and I found that it's a heck of a lot less stressful.

Again, a prosperous new year to all of you from all of us Fuzz Folks. Hope all of your dreams come true. Catch us at Wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Dates to Remember

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Jan. 11	LAPPL Swearing-In Ceremony/ Delegates Monthly Meeting	1630	1730
Jan. 12	Inland Blue Line	1100	1200
Jan. 13	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
Jan. 14	Dan Hills & Mike Nichol	1700	1800
Jan. 15	C.A.B.L.A.	1130	
Jan. 19	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
Jan. 27	James Razukas, Eddie Shore, John Phillips	1130	

February

Feb. 8	Class of 2/8/60 Reunion		
Feb. 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
Feb. 11	Joe Legaspi & Ron Ryerson — Golf & Dinner	1830	
Feb. 13	Wilshire "Run Against Crime"	0630	
Feb. 16	Valley Retired Blues	1130	
Feb. 24	Bill Mares, Russell Lyons, Joe Adolph	1700	
Feb. 29	LAPPL College Day	0900-1400	



photos by Dennis P. Zine

Five VTD Retirements (L to R): Robert Leahy, Richard Zielinski, Ron Stringer, Norm Nagengast and John Ptak.



Motor partners D.A. McCallum & Jim Thornton enjoying refreshments at VTD retirement party.



Retired League Director Dave Ziegler is now a full-time Harley man.



Commander Bruce Hagerty with family at his retirement party.



Delegate and Vnys Det. Mitch Robins receives congratulations on his retirement from President Ted Hunt and Delegate Jim Rahm.



Sgt. Roy Langheld, Sgt. Jim Davis, and Motor Officer Gary Sidell all retire after distinguished LAPD careers.

40th Reunion Notice Class Of 2/8/60

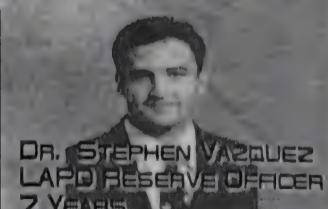
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The Class of 2/8/60 will be having a reunion dinner on the exact 40 year date, i.e. 2/8/2000 at the Academy in our old classroom. If your address is not correct or in the LARF&PA roster for 1999-2000 please contact me, (if you e-mail include phone number and address. A letter will be soon forthcoming with details. Till then set aside the date and plan to meet with those of us who are left....Cliff Hodge, Class D.I.



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SABLA—Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

Happy, Happy New Year 2000

I know that it's after all the celebrations and kissing at midnight, but all of us at SABLA wish each and every one of you the happiest of New Years! We hope the new millennium brings you health, wealth and happiness. Our very best to all of you!

As you know, SABLA held the third annual Christmas luncheon at Del Webb's Sun City in Roseville on Dec. 16, 1999. If you missed it, we missed you too. We had a great time getting together for this one date during the Christmas season. The excellent food was catered by the Del Webb people, and our illustrious Prez, **Justin Dyer**, made sure that everyone left with a Christmas gift. What a guy! And the people you missed. Why my ol' 77th and Metro buddy, **Dave Wheeler**, came all the way up from Apple Valley. Brought his wife, **Edie**, too! In the February *Blue Line* we'll give you a report on the other LAPDers we saw that day.

We were supposed to see **Art Sjquist**, the Department Historian, at our November luncheon as a guest speaker.

But at the last moment Art had to cancel and ask for a "rain check." So we'll have to set a new date for Art to bring his slide show to see the newly proposed Police Museum. So keep those second Thursdays of the month open. You don't want to miss that one.

And while we're on the Thursday luncheon subject, beginning this month, we have a new banquet/catering chairman! None other than **Ed Lewandowski**! So call Ed at (916) 445-4710 or (530) 626-4248 and tell him your food choice between chicken, veal or Cobb salad. If Ed's not there, leave a message. **Hoy Key** has retired from that job!! So call Ed each month to let him know you're coming on or before Tuesday of that week.

Our November luncheon time for our absent guest speaker was used for discussing a series of ideas including how to lessen the workload of our Secretary/Treasurer, Hoy Key. We've been gradually loading more and more responsibilities on Hoy for the many years that he has held that position. So it has come time for some of the other SABLA members to "pick up the slack" and help out! I'm sure that help is on the way!

He didn't have a grass skirt on him, but he did come all the way from the Big Island of Hawaii!! **Dick Matheny** and his wife, **Lee**, stopped by the Palomino on their way to Reno to visit family. Another famed sergeant from the early glory days of Metro! Hawaii must be good for the genes and attitude, 'cause Dick looks like he could do another 20—even today. **Carl & Ellie Kuehn** were there—Carl from his fairly new Health Net job to visit with Dick. My wife, Judy, and I had some time with Dick and Lee too. Thanks to both of you for stopping by, and please come back.

We saw **John Powers** with **George Puddy**, **Nate Iannone** and **Ray Lauritzen** "plotting" something over lunch! Maybe they were going to the WTO conference in Seattle last month! The "gang" from Del Webb's in Roseville was there in force: **Chuck Long**, **Chuck Blogin**, **Hank Seret**, and **Hal White** who was chauffeured by his wife.

One of our more "slim & trim" SABLA members, **Bob Keel** astounded everyone by having a 5-bypass heart surgery in November! Here's a guy who looks like he could "do another 30!!" But I'm told he's on the mend and will do OK. Another Bob, **Bob Totans**, fell

and broke his pelvis. Not playing leap-frog were you, Bob?? **George Williams**, a SABLA charter member, is recovering at home down south in Monarch Beach. Drop him a card if you have a chance! Best of health to all of you!

Bob Devin was at the November luncheon with some advance news for all you golfers out there. I know you like to make plans "way out there." It's the Sam Wilson Golf Tournament to be held in Morro Bay next May 15, 16 & 17, 2000. For info, call Bob at (530) 885-9664.

When you're reading this, if it's not yet January 13th, then you're not too late to call Ed Lewandowski and tell him your choice for the next SABLA luncheon. Come break bread with us. Tell a story. Have a beer. We start at 1130, Palomino Room, Watt & El Camino in Sacramento.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We'll find somebody who remembered to bring their reading glasses and your letter will be read to all!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

The Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

The last bowl of turkey-bone soup has finally been slurped up, the pie plates have long ago lost their delicious contents, and Santa is stacking ZZZ's contemplating how to ease into a real space-age, all-electronic delivery system, as Christmas 2000 appears on the far horizon. His work is cut out for him, and as all of us old Boy Scouts remember, "be prepared" is still the key to the whole operation. Now Santa has about 358 days, more or less, to get his game together for the first Christmas day of this millennium. Old Blue, however, has already used most of their days and are looking at just about 100 left for fine-

steepness of the first leg from mile 3 to 8, you'd swear that you'd need a name like Jeep or Cherokee to run up this baby. But led by veteran runner **Chuck Foote**, we and the other seven teams in the race—we were the only LAPD entrant—beat the hill and then went on to enjoy the rest of the race. And it was a pretty good day for relay racing. Temp was just right, wind barely blowing, just a whisper, and everyone got a chance to deep breathe that good, clean, high-desert air. It was a great day.

Team Captain **Chuck McTaggart** agreed that we're looking pretty sharp and just about ready to wrest the 800 category title away from L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca's Special Enforcement Bureau.

And now the envelope, please! The winners from Old Blue are: **John Marnell** (How's that '41 Ford convertible, John?), **Bruce Hoover**, **Reuben Holguin**, **Chuck Foote**, **Ray Crawford** (good to see you back, Ray!), **Jim O'Connor**, **Bob Carter**, **Dale Sprinkle**, **Bill Osuna** (nice work on the P.R., Bill!), **Mario Mascolo**, **Mel Sandvig**, and team captain **Chuck McTaggart**. And just remember, sports fan, that not only are these guys great athletes but most of them are senior citizens! And has often been said, you need great racers to have a winning team but without support personnel to back you up there isn't going to be much of a race. So, a BIG, BIG OLD BLUE thanx to: **Keith Allen** and his bride, **Arlene**; Mr. Marine, **Jay Hernando**; **John Marnell** and his wife, **Barbara**, for laying out the course; our good compadre, **Don Garcia**; and, of course, to our secret weapon, our famous Plan L, a veteran long distance runner herself, our captain's better half, **Lynn McTaggart**. You may all take a bow as it was a magnificent team effort. Thank you all for making us all look good.

Several travelers who have been prospecting out Las Vegas way report that Hi-way 160, over which most of the B-V race is run, has received a partial facelift resulting in some hills being lowered a tad, a few curves straightened out, as well as a bit of divided highway and a sort of a wider shoulder here and there. All of this expenditure of taxpayer dollars may result in a few faster times being recorded, and so be it. But "The Hill" is still a five-star challenge



(L to R): Chuck McTaggart, Bruce Hoover and Bob Carter—"Tough Cops-Tougher Runners"

and more than one team has returned home a bit sadder but wiser and vowing to return and conquer "The Hill" next year. Keep in mind that "The Hill" is five miles of relentless uphill running that gets even steeper about two-thirds of the way up. So running hills should be a big item on your practice routine. It is really sad to see youngsters stall and practically slow down to a walk when they get to leg 16. For my money, **Toy Beard** and his Metro Red Team have been the winner for the last two years, and I don't know of anyone else who is ready to take the crown away from them but we shall soon see.

Next meeting for Old Blue is Sunday, January 30th, 8:00 a.m., rain or shine at Griffith Park, behind the Park Ranger's station off of Crystal Springs Road. All you vice cops know where that is. More info? Chuck at 661-799-9861; Neil, 949-455-1952.

P.S. Reserve your rooms NOW for Baker-Vegas or you may be disappointed, big time. Once again, the Rio Hotel is going to be race HQ. Pricey? Definitely. Classy? That too, but certainly very nice, new and a lot of fun. So get hot, get ready, and we'll c-u there!

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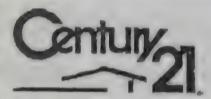
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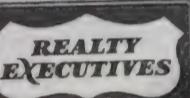
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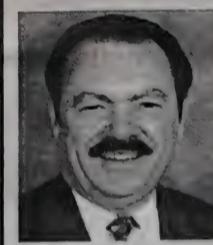
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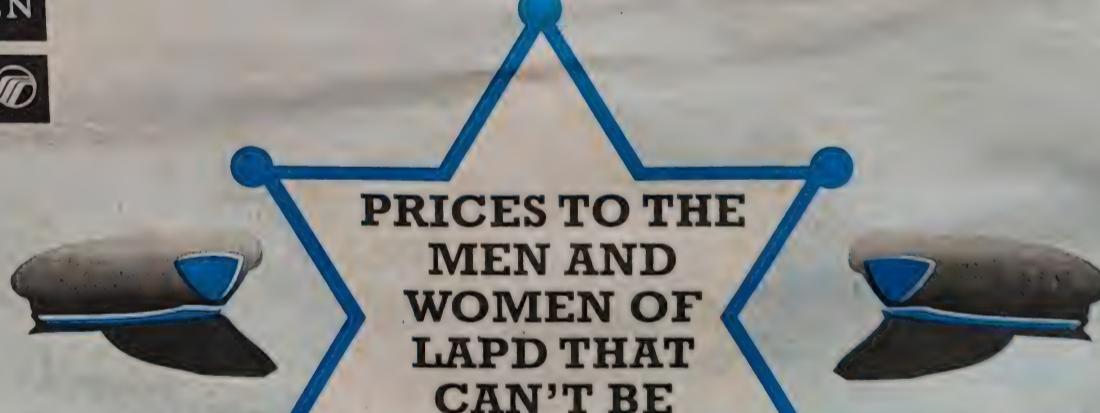
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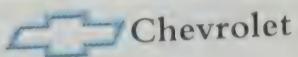
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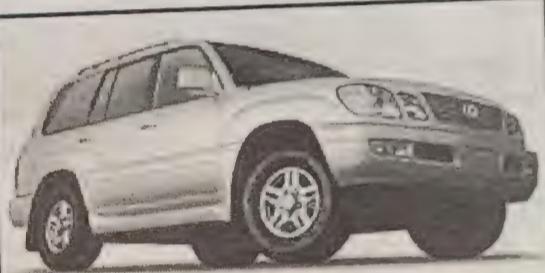
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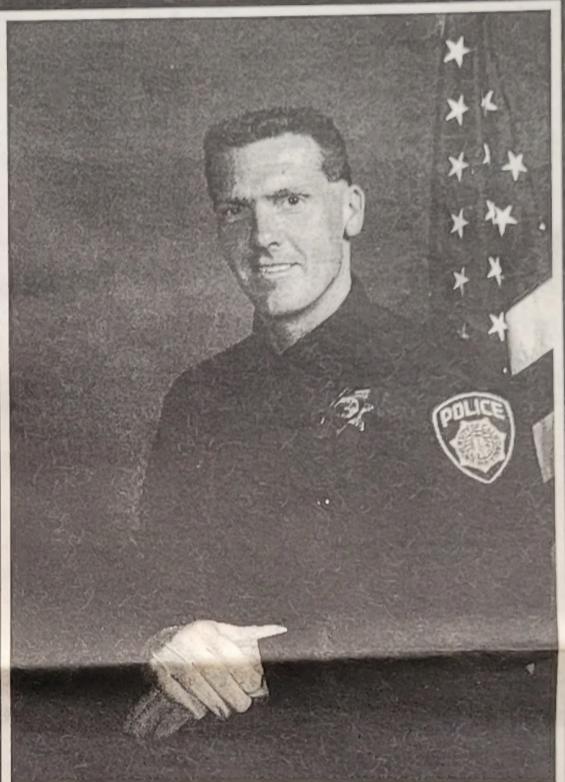
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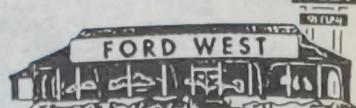
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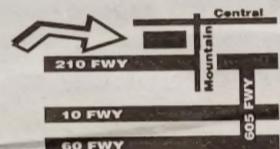
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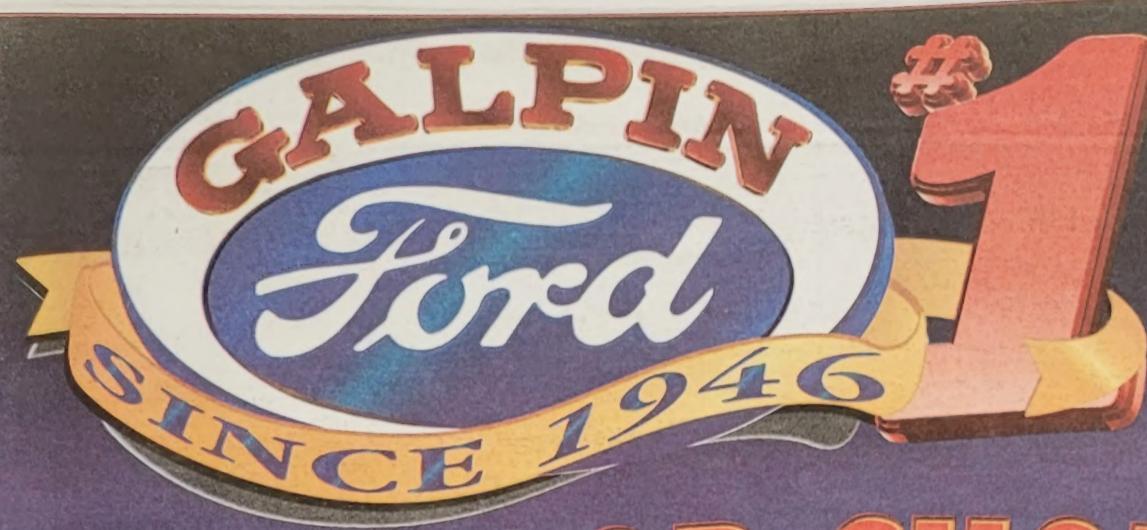
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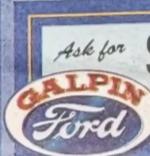
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